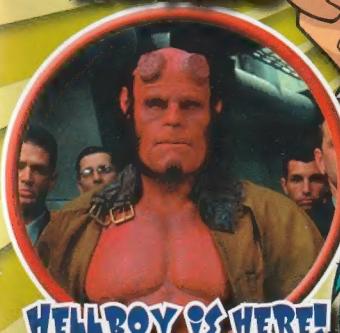


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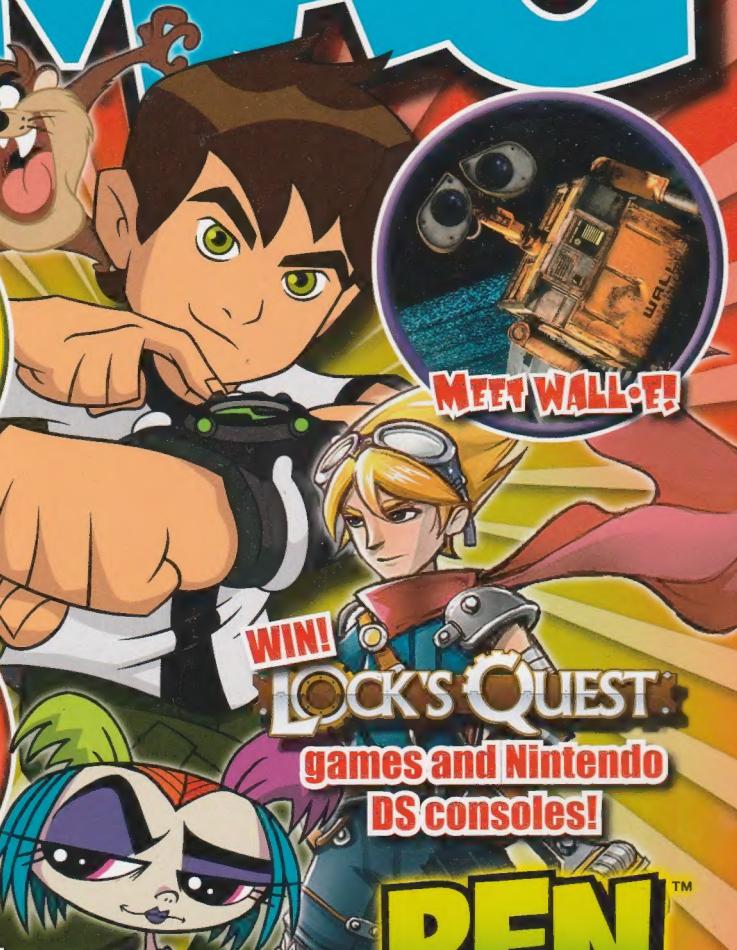


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Hey readers,

This month we're on a mission – to save Tasmanian devils! Find out why they need our help when you read our fantastic project pull-out on page 47. You'll also be able to help us name the baby Tasmanian devil we've just adopted – see page 55 for details. This issue is also packed full of great stuff – *Horseland*, *Hellboy*, *Ben 10*, *Growing Up Creepy*, *WALL-E* and *The Mummy* – there's something for everyone.

By the way – thanks to everyone who wrote in last month. Point Clare School

in NSW wrote to tell us how they'd formed an environmental club – what a great idea! If you'd like to share your ideas, email them to me at dorothy@dmag.com.au.

See you next month,

Dorothy

EARTH WARRIORS!

Hi! We are Point Clare School's 'Earth Warriors' Environmental Club and we have been busy exploring the environment around our school. We meet once a week to get outdoors and check out all the interesting things that share our environment – like about 30 bush turkeys!

We've adopted a huge gum tree. We used crayons to make bark rubbings and looked under the bark, around

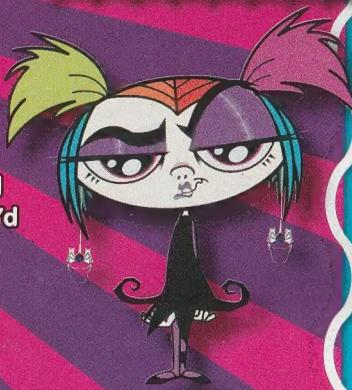
the roots and up in the highest branches.

So many animals live in that tree – it's like an apartment building!

We also have lots of beautiful trees and in autumn they drop their gold and red leaves. We gathered up thousands of them and created two giant sunflowers, which really brightened up our basketball court on a cloudy day. We took photographs of the flowers then returned them to the environment.

We love being Earth Warriors and we love reading *DMAG* because it always has stuff about nature!

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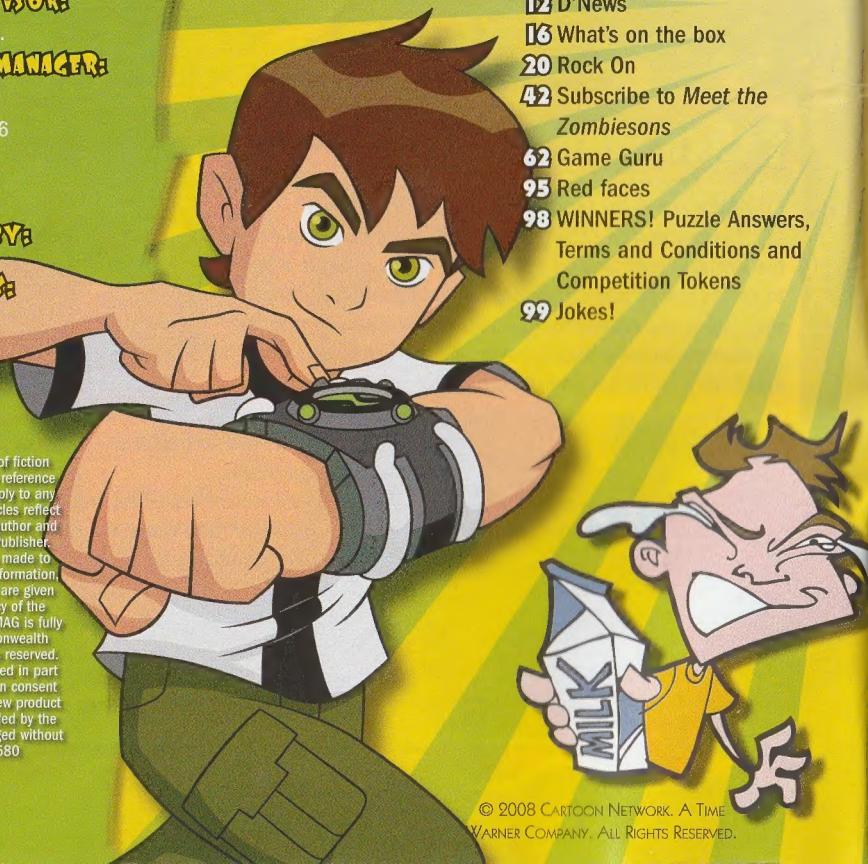
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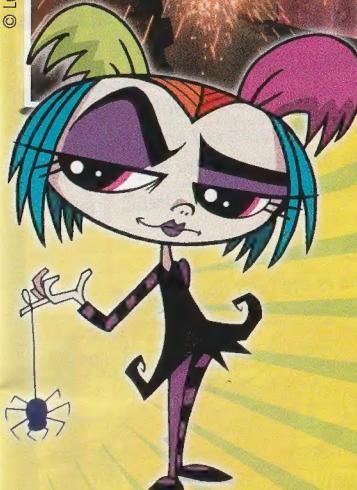
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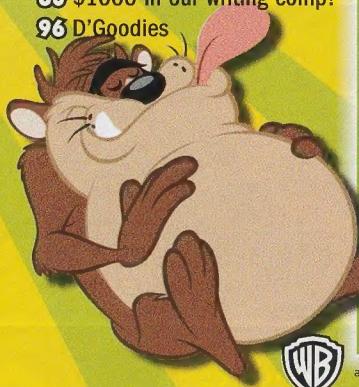
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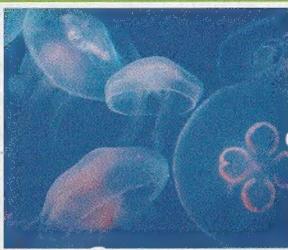
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We've received stacks of wonderful letters this month! Send your letters and photos to: **DMAG**

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pictures published
on this page in
our next issue
will win a set of
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Thin markers.

Hi,

My name is Kayde and I'm 10 years old. I love Ben 10. It's the best show ever. My favourite character is Heatblast. He is awesome. My other favourite shows are Yu-Gi-Oh! GX and Pokémon. Thanks,
KAYDE



PET OF THE MONTH

Dear DMAG,

This is my very, very old dog, Emma. She is a 17 year old fox terrier. This is Emma sleeping in mum and dad's bed. She chases us around the yard when we are on the motorbikes or the mower. I think she's pretty good for her age.

LACHIE



If you want to get a **FREE** one-year subscription to the RSPCA's Paw Prints



mag, then send a good quality photo of your pet (no print-outs on paper please) to **DMAG Pet of the Month, PO Box 1036 Spit Junction NSW 2088.**

DEAR DMAG!

I love your mag. The best parts are So Gross, Dudes News, freebies and Game Guru. I am 9 years old and my fave movies are Jurassic Park and The Lion King. Sonic is so cool! DMAG 4 ever!! From,
ERIS

PS: This is my best lion drawing.



DEAR DMAG,

I'm 11 years old. This is a picture of my pet wild bird who comes to my house and eats out of my hand every day. I've collected your magazine since issue 47 in 2006. I love Red Faces and So Gross.

HOLLY



HI DMAG,

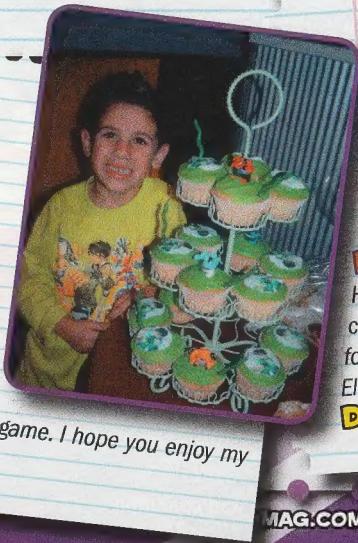
My name is Christian. I'm ten years old. I think your mag is the best in the world. If I could rate your mag from 1 - 10, I would give you 10 because of your cool info and pics of Pokémon. That's why I drew this picture of Nine Tails.

From your #1 fans,

**CHRISTIAN AND MY BRO,
DAMIEN**

DEAR DMAG,

My name is Navarone and I am 6 years old. This is a photo of my birthday. My mummy made me nice Ben 10 cupcakes on the day. Ben 10 is my favourite PlayStation game. I hope you enjoy my photo. From,
NAVARONE

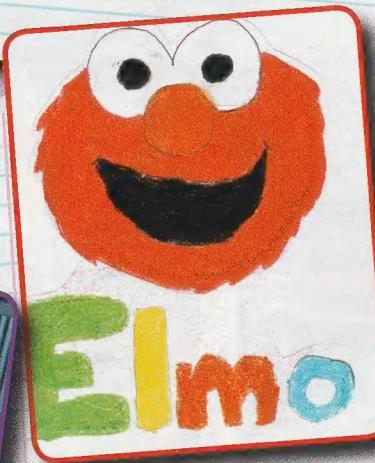


HI DMAG,

My name is Jonathan and I am 9 years old. I love to read your magazine. My favourite hobbies are drawing, building LEGO Star Wars figures and playing my PS2. I have sent you a picture, which I drew of Gotten from DragonBallZ. Hope it is good enough for you magazine.

Bye,

JONATHAN



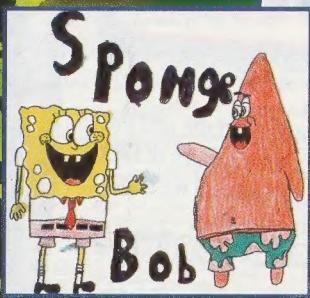
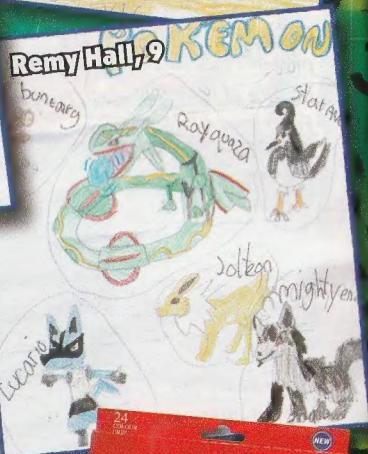
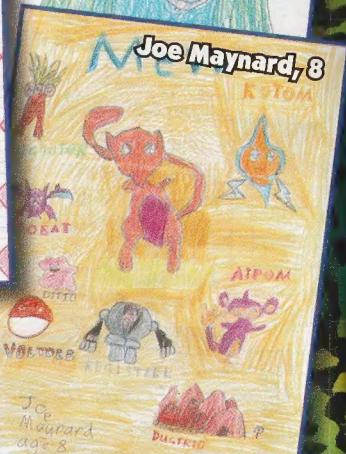
DEAR DMAG,

Hey! My name is Deanna and me and my cousin, Loren have drawn a picture of Elmo for you. We drew this picture 'coz we think Elmo is very cute. From your fans,

DEANNA, 12, AND LOREN, 9

ARTISTS

CHECK OUT DMAG'S ARTISTS
THIS MONTH!

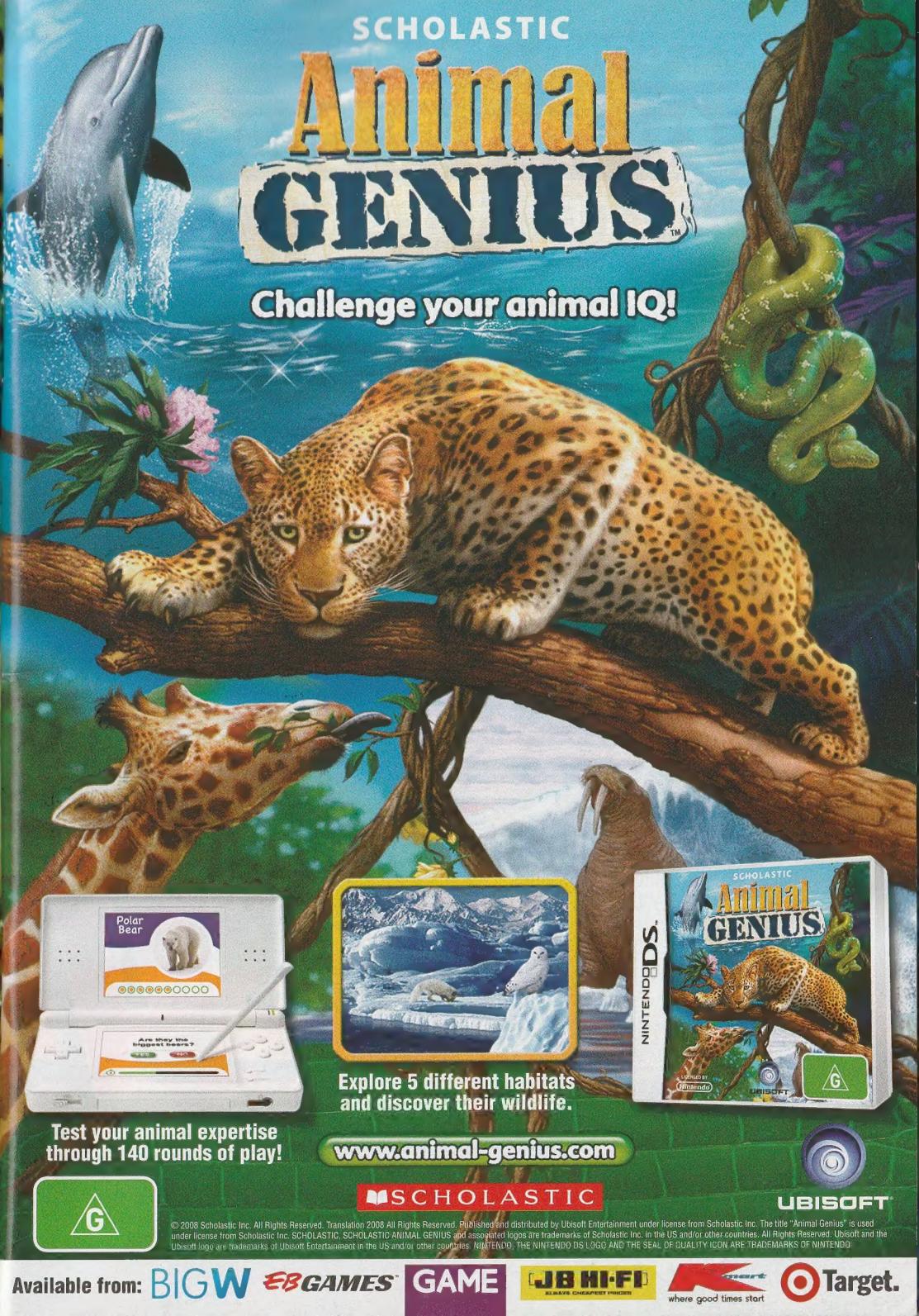


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If you're in Brisbane on Father's Day, then spend some quality time with dad at the Bridge to Brisbane Fun Run. Register through www.bridgetobrisbane.com.au before September 5 and if you hit the finish line in time, you could even score dad a random draw prize!

Don't buy dad socks on September 7 a.k.a. Father's Day (unless that's what he's asked for) - make him something special instead!



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www.bridgetobrisbane.com.au before September 5 and if you hit the finish line in time, you could even score dad a random draw prize!

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Brisbane dudes and dudettes, send a huge thanks to your precious catchments and waterways by checking out the festivities of the 2008 River

fest from August 29 to September 7. Fireworks, water-wise billboards and even an F111 jet plane will be streaming along the Brisbane River, so swim in and join the fun!

Lock up the car on September 22 and sacrifice a day of travelling in luxury for World Car Free Day by walking, taking the bus or training it to school instead.



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September is the beginning of Spring and that can only mean one thing: flowers. Feast your eyes (and nose) upon the beautiful bloomers in the Hunter Valley Gardens this month during their Festival of Flowers.

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Win! LOCK'S QUEST

Prize Packs!

Become an Archineer (architect, hero and engineer all rolled into one) and build and battle against the clockwork armies trying to destroy your kingdom. We have **SEVEN** prize packs to give away, **TWO** packs include a DS Lite and Lock's Quest on DS and **FIVE** include Lock's Quest DS games.

To enter: Draw a fortress. Add your name, age, address and the token found on page 98 and send your entries to: Lock's Quest Comp, PO Box 1036, Spit Junction, NSW 9088. See page 98 for terms and conditions.



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SHE'S BREAKING FREE

Hat's it. Enough is enough! After witnessing Hannah Montana win over millions of fans in her TV show, it only seems right that after years of playing her, Miley Cyrus should get her chance at the spotlight as well. Dropping Hannah's signature blonde wig, Miley's going solo and making her big CD debut! Called *Breakout*, her current single, *See You Again* has already broken into the Top 10 in our charts and we're guessing that her album will do the same when it's released later this year.

Ancient Magic

He island of MiYu is a mystical place. Millions of years old, it is an ancient land brimming with MiYu Magical Stones; each with its own natural power to give to whomever possesses it. Would you like to get your hands on one? There are over forty delicate gems to look out for and an online world to help you uncover the secrets (and powers!) of your stone, which include success, love, courage and wisdom – if only! They'll be gracing shelves soon so, if you're ready to unleash the magic within, keep an eye out for them.



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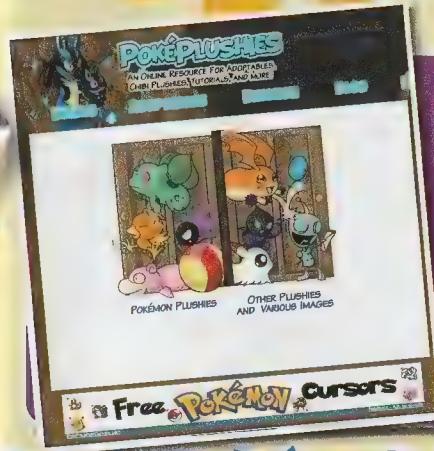
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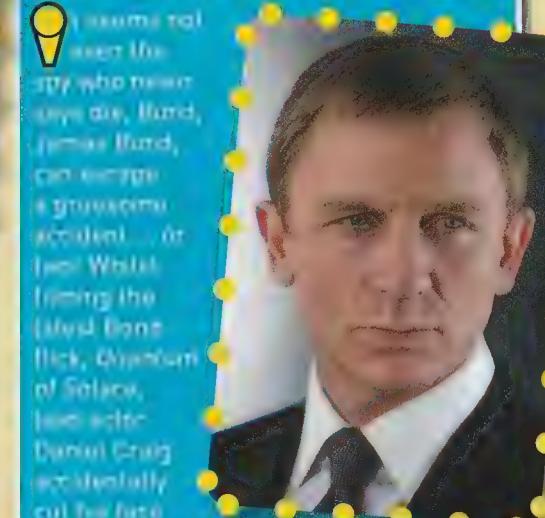


DREAMS AND REALITY

Miley Cyrus did it with her *Best of Both Worlds* concert tour and now singing sibling sensation Jonas Brothers are hopping onto the band wagon too by starring in their very own reality TV show, *Jonas Brothers: Living the Dream*. Catch them on stage, catch them offstage and then chase them down the go-karting track from September 8 at 5.25pm on the Disney Channel.



Dangerous Tidings



It seems not even the boy who never grows old, James Bond, can escape a gory movie accident... or can he? While filming the *Quantum of Solace*, James' actor Daniel Craig accidentally cut his hand and had to have eight stitches to fix up the mess. It got infected. A mere week later he was released back to the hospital after suffering off-line bits of his finger during an action scene...ouch!

Website of the Month

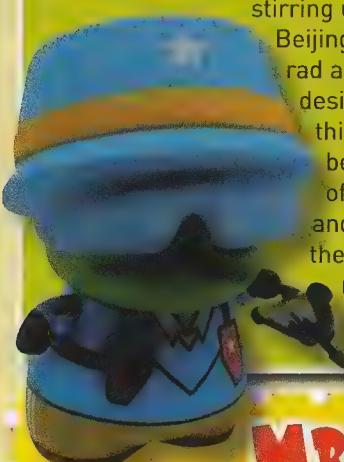
Forget Neopets, they're so last decade (well, almost). According to DMAG's deanne Deanna Clark, www.pokeplushies.com is the virtual pet central of today – and contrary to what the name suggests, you don't have to be a Pokemon lover to love this website either. "There are Digimon, Yu-Gi-Oh!, Sonic the Hedgehog and even Fly! adoptables," says Deanna. Awesome!

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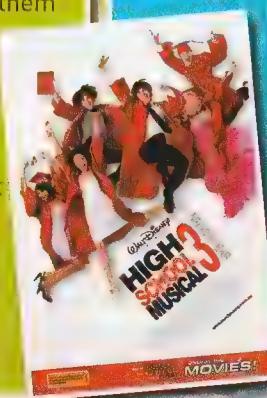
C-I-T-O-EYE

Che mischievous Ci Boys are coming to town and they're making a huge ruckus while they're at it! As cool as bananas, these plastic fantastic figurines come in nine cheeky characters and are perfect for pocketing and collecting. Each never-to-be-repeated series, the first of which finds them stirring up trouble at the Beijing Olympics, has 12 rad and ultra-unique designs. But, if you think that you can do better, then just yank off their heads, hats and arms and muddle them up into a Ci Boy more fit to your liking! Nice one!



MR HOLLY- BOLLYWOOD?

Ois Bollywood the new Hollywood? Hmmm... possibly. After a trip to India, Hollywood bad boy, Will Smith was so inspired by the colour and music of their Bollywood films that he began making plans to produce and star in one of his own! "I really feel there is a marriage to be made between Hollywood and Bollywood," says Will who, by the way, has already got his eye on his leading lady. No, it's not his wife, but Bollywood hottie and former Miss World, Aishwarya Rai. Some girls have all the luck.



Catch Will Smith in *Hancock*, which is in cinemas now.

Poster Peek

Get excited 'cause it's another look at these HSM updates! After months of waiting we're finally allowed to see our singer HIGH FIVE in the official *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* poster. And yes, with some impressive new moves in it with all of you. Enjoy!

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This film has advertising approval.
Check the classification closer to
the release date.

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Want to know what's hot on the DVD and Video

That's So Suite Life of Hannah Montana

What's better than having the best of both worlds?

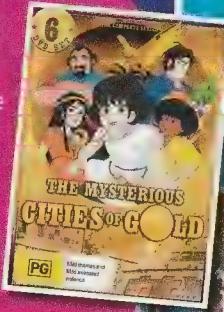
Having the best of all three worlds!

That's So Raven,
The Suite Life of Zack and Cody
and Hannah

Moana and come together in the Tipton Hotel in this mixed-up, muddled-up spectacular!

The Mysterious Cities of Gold

It's 1532 and treasure fever is in the air! Spanish explorers are sailing to the New World in search of the seven cities of gold, but they're not alone. Estaban, a boy who commands the sun, has stowed away and is headed straight for the unknown!



Couch Potato



Fairly Oddlympics

The fairies, ponies and gnomes are competing in the Fairy World Games to win the ultimate prize: Timmy! Will the fair-playing fairies be able to win against this lot of evil schemers? You'll have to make it to the photo finish to find out!

Wednesday August 20
@ 5pm, Nickelodeon

Wormwood

In the medieval town of Wormwood,



anything goes: living boys, giant gold-making earthworms, even music that turns people to stone. Thank goodness there aren't any flying whales about—or are there?

Saturdays @ 6pm, Disney Channel

Kim Possible: Every Episode Ever

Kim Possible fans, get on the couch for the Kim Possible marathon is coming your way! From series one to five, this is 24 mammoth hours of must-see Kim-sighting action.

Friday/August 15 to Saturday August 17 @ 6am to 6pm daily, Disney Channel



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WALL-E Prize Packs

To celebrate the awesome new Disney/Pixar movie WALL-E we have **TEN WALL-E** packs to give away. Each pack includes: WALL-E stickers, a glow in the dark puzzle, colour pencils, stamp roller, notebook, paddle ball, poster, **WALL-E The Video Game** on Wii and a family* in-season pass to see the move WALL-E.



**Hurry, competition
closes 15 September!**

Sneak peek

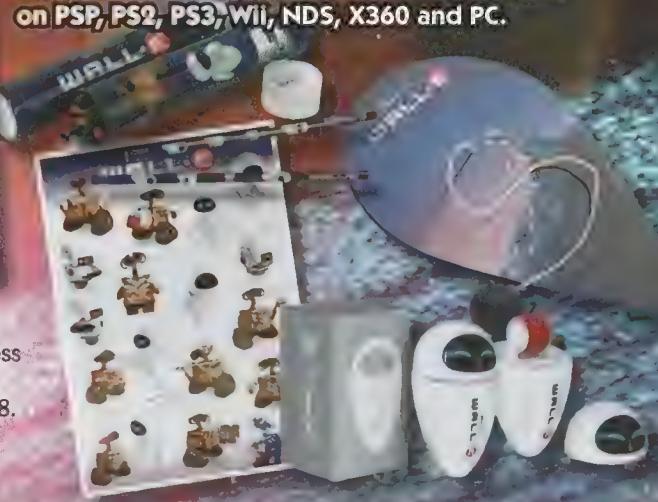
What if mankind had to leave Earth and somebody forgot to turn the last robot off? WALL-E, a robot, spends every day doing what he was made for but soon he will discover what he was meant for. Join WALL-E on his comic adventure across the galaxy, only at the movies September 18.

WALL-E The Video Game available 4 September on PSP, PS2, PS3, Wii, NDS, X360 and PC.



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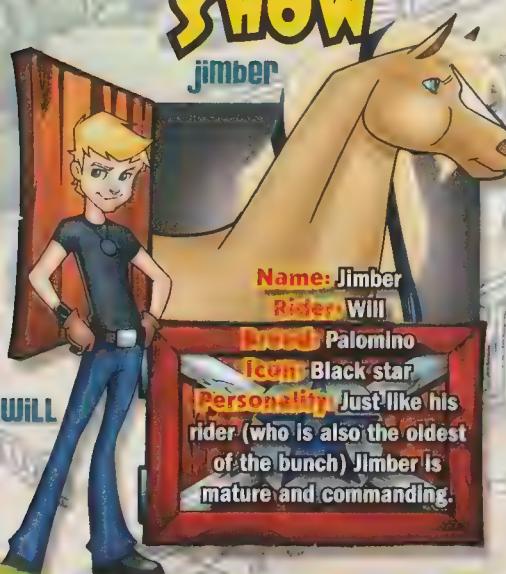
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HORSES

Horseland isn't just an awesome TV show, it's a magical stable in a beautiful countryside too! Prepare to turn totally envious over its beautiful horses and their talented riders.



ELAND

Name: Button
Rider: Alma
Breed: Piebald pinto
Icon: Green clover
Personality: Button may look cute but underneath that veneer is a mischievous trickster. Look out!



pepper

Name: Pepper
Rider: Zoey
Breed: Grey Dutch warmblood
Icon: Blue crescent moon
Personality: Don't get on the bad side of this warm blooded mammal, she's got a temper on her, she does.

ALMA

Zoey

Saddle up and prepare to ride, compete and muck out stalls with the Horseland gang, Monday to Friday @ 8am, Boomerang.

Name: Calypso
Rider: Molly
Breed: Spotted appaloosa
Icon: Pink heart
Personality: A sweetheart, Calypso takes everything in her stride – including learning! Don't worry though, she'll get there.

CALYPSO



ChLOE

ChiLi

Name: Chili
Rider: Chloe
Breed: Light grey Dutch warmblood
Icon: Lavender diamond
Personality: Dripping with confidence (sometimes too much) she's an expert at dressage and jumping.

REVIEWS

CAMPING OUT

Doo-doo-doo-doo. Doo-doo-doo-doo. OK so we all suspected that UK pop singer Robbie Williams was a little, hmmm, how do we put this nicely ... strange - but we honestly never expected this! Seems lately Robbie's been heading into the woods outside of LA armed with a tent, sleeping bag and other survival necessities in the hopes of nabbing a

peep at a UFO. So far no luck, but perhaps adding a telescope into the mix of equipment might help.



BIKER GIRL

What Aussie songstress could possibly give all those extreme sports stars a run for their money? Goodness, no. It's not Delta Goodrem. (We

wouldn't pull your leg that far!) The answer is none other than attitude-filled singer, Vanessa Amorosi. When asked to reveal something about herself that many people didn't know, Vanessa's answer was more than surprising: "I love dirt bikes. I own them and I race them." And from what we hear, she's pretty good at it too!



Vanessa Hudgens Identified

Don't wait until the next instalment of *High School Musical* to find an excuse to practise your dance moves - just use Baby V's latest booty shaker instead!



Various So Fresh: The Hits of Winter 2008



So cool. So breezy. So fresh. Now this electro-tastic twenty-track hit maker into

your player and let the likes of Rihanna, PNAU and Rogue Traders warm you up nicely from winter into spring.

Usher Here I Stand

Watch out, Chris Brown. The real king of R&B a.k.a. Usher is back and is out to reclaim his throne with a heap of new tracks and even trickier, fancier and more eye-boggling career moves than ever before!





SMALL TOWN STARS

You don't have to come from a big city like Hollywood to make it big in the music industry – just check out these rockin' singers and their hometown populations for proof!

Avril Lavigne: Napanee, Ontario, population: 5000.

Shannon Noll: Condobolin, NSW, population: 3500.

Duffy: Nefyn, North Wales, population: 2500.

Britney Spears: Kentwood, Louisiana, population: 2200.

Chris Brown: Tappahannock, Virginia, population: 2000.



HOPPING IN THE OUTBACK

Cross your fingers Aussie outbackers, word on the streets is that a hip hop artist along the lines of Kanye West or Lauren Hill could be heading your way! As part of a reality TV program called *4Real*, celebs are sent to remote communities worldwide to witness, partake and help raise funds for the positive work being done there. And guess what? A remote community in Queensland has been proposed for an upcoming season. Filming begins in 2009 so keep an ear out for the sweet sounds of a US hip-hop sensation singing it up down under!

COUNTRY GAL

Yes, this month, the country is where it's at! Even – dare we say it – former pop singer, Jessica Simpson

claims to be getting in on the action. Earlier this year in Texas

born Jess announced loudly and proudly that, "I'm planning on making country music for the rest of my life." No joke. Her latest single, *Come on Over* has the official country twang to it and, according to the lovely lady herself, the rest of the album is bound to be no different.



THE WORD ON THE HERD

If you haven't heard of The Herd then here's the word on this awesome rap band by one of its (more) absurdly named band members, Toe-Fu.

NAME: HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THE NAME, THE NEED?

TOP-FU: We were driving across a grassy plain one day and it got so hot that we had to stop. As a band with eight people, it really did seem like a herd when we went anywhere.

DMAC DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY ANNOYING HABITS?

TOT-FU: *...and the way to
the dragon's lair is
nothing more than a
trap for those who
are not prepared
to meet the dragon
in the shadows of
the night.*

DMC: HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR SOUND?

Tot-Fu: boom boom cha,
ti-boom boom-cha, boom boom
ba boom...

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY FUNNY ON-TOUR STORIES?

TOT-FU: *Grandmaster Wu Immortal*
WTF is this country? *WTF is this*
that sounds so cool as ever!

IMAGINE IF YOU COULD BE
ANY ANIMAL, WHAT WOULD
YOU BE?

TOE-FU: I probably had a mild case of the wedgie-blues. I think I could have been an animal, so I may be even more embarrassed.

DRAG: WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES THE HERD SO AUSTRALIAN?

TOP-FU: Write a column on
bush who take pride in being
able to talk to anyone about
anything. Being *Aspiration* is all
about respect. Period. For your
proud, respect for the onward
and upward for the future.
I could go on but I won't, and I
respect for your time.

L-R (back row):
Urthbey, Ozi Batla,
Safa, Uncle Ho,
Rok Poontha, (front
row): June Tyrrell,
Tee-Fu, Traksent.

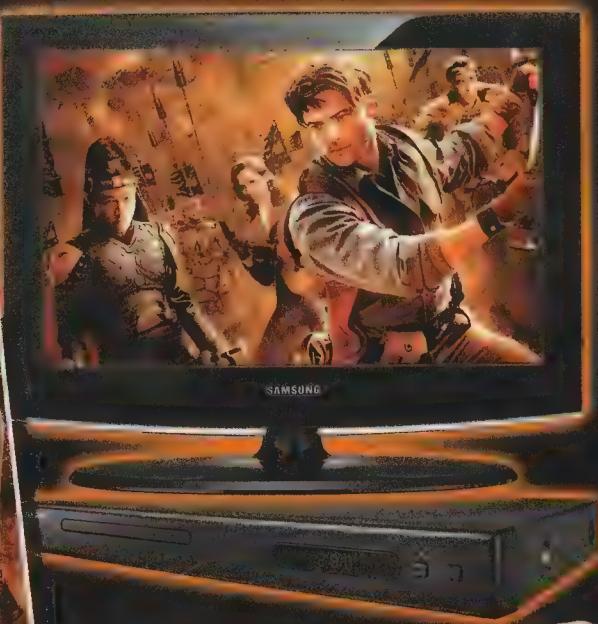
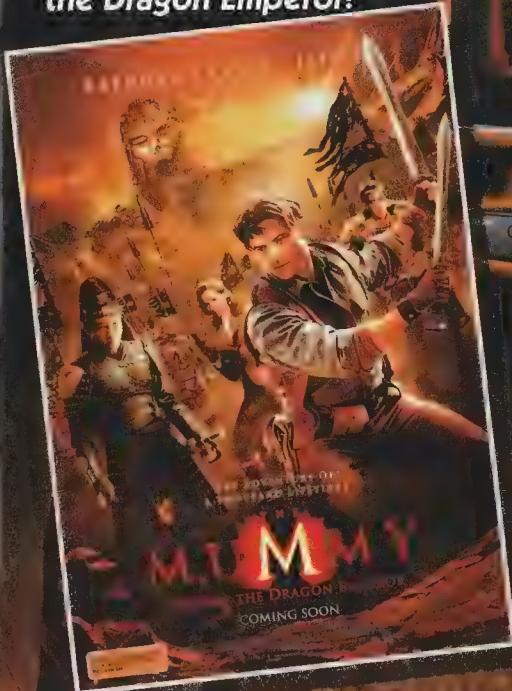
**The Herd's album,
Summerland is out now.**

WIN!

MUMMY

TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR

On September 11, *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor* will hit cinemas and to celebrate, we have TWO totally mammoth prize packs to give away! Each pack includes a Samsung 55cm HD LCD television, a Samsung Slim DVD player and *The All New Mummy Collector's DVD Box Set*. We also have 20 double passes for runner-ups to see *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor*!



To enter, tell us who your favourite Mummy character is and why. Add your name, address and age, and the token found on page 98 and send your entries to: DMAI Mummy Comp, PO Box 1036, Spit Junction, NSW 2088. See page 98 for terms and conditions.



This film has advertising approval.
Check the classification closer to the release date

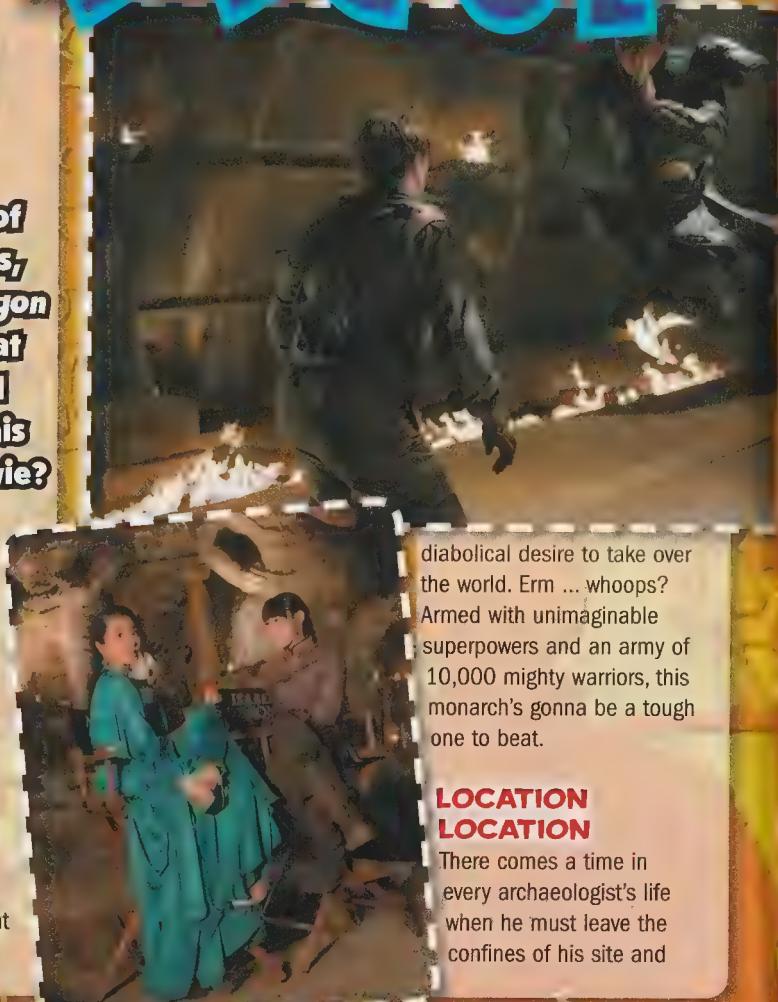
Please check with an adult before entering. *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor* is anticipated to be M rated.

O'CONNELL TO THE RESCUE

Mummy kicking
Rick O'Connell
has returned in
this third round of
***The Mummy* flicks,**
Tomb of the Dragon
***Emperor*.** So, what
else do you need
to know about this
adventurous movie?
Here's what:

I WANT MY MUMMY

If two's company and three's a crowd, then what's four? A family – duh! Archaeologist Rick, his wife, son and brother-in-law are in trouble now that one of them has kinda, sorta, accidentally awakened the Dragon Emperor, an ancient 2000-year-old ruler with a



diabolical desire to take over the world. Erm ... whoops? Armed with unimaginable superpowers and an army of 10,000 mighty warriors, this monarch's gonna be a tough one to beat.

LOCATION LOCATION

There comes a time in every archaeologist's life when he must leave the confines of his site and



ASIAN SENSATION

Wanna know more about ancient China? Grab the next issue of DMAG to read up on its many wonders, including its incredible terracotta army.

HISTORY BUFFS

What do you mean you haven't seen *The Mummy* films before? Have you been living under a rock all this time? We don't blame you, they are a little scary.

So if you haven't peeped out from under that rock, here's what each film is about.

The Mummy:

Rick's on an archaeological dig in Egypt and has uncovered (and resurrected) the fatally vengeful High-Priest Imhotep. Uh-oh.

The Mummy Returns: Cursed and double cursed. Imhotep's back and badder than ever. Will Rick be able to defeat him a second time?

Tomb of the Dragon Emperor: Oh, come on! You've been reading this page for how long now? You should know what this film is about!

AUSSIE, AUSSIE, AUSSIE

OK, so this flick might be set in China, but there is one Australian thing about it (or at least, only one that we know of). What is it? You're asking the wrong question, it should be: who is it? Luke Ford

plays Rick's reckless archaeologist son, Alex. He's the reason why the Dragon Lord has been resurrected by the way, and he's also a true blue Aussie! Didn't see that one coming, now didcha?



journey across the world to some place new, like ... China? Yes, this time around ancient China is where all the exploration, resurrection and action can be found! Travelling through the catacombs of the terracotta warriors in Xi'an, over the freezing Himalayas and past the Great Wall of China, this is a journey that the O'Connell's had better have a map for.

EMPOWERED

What could make the evil Dragon Emperor in this film so powerful? Well, he does have control of all five elements: metal, wood, water, fire and earth. Ohhh, yeah, that would do it ...

Uncover *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor* when it hits cinemas from September 11. Note: the rating of this film is pending at the time of going to print but it is expected to get an M rating.

TUT'S TREASURE

Death comes on swift wings to him that toucheth the tomb of the Pharaoh.

Could a curse written on the doorway of an Egyptian

was bitten by a mosquito and died from its infected bite! A curse come true? Nah, the curse was never there to begin with. It was later uncovered that some cheeky buggers had made the whole curse thing up. Drats!

LUCKY NUMBER (2)7

Seems the number seven is not so lucky after all. Legend has it that rock star Robert Johnson sold his soul to

tomb really come true? Way back in 1923, the adventurous Lord Carnarvon discovered the tomb of boy Pharaoh Tutankhamen. Two months later however, he

CURSES UPON CURSES

IN THE BEWITCHING NEW DVD FLICK *PENELOPE*, THE HEROINE PENELOPE IS CURSED WITH A SNOUT FOR A NOSE. SCARILY, SHE'S NOT THE ONLY PERSON TO HAVE BEEN HORRIBLY CURSED. SPOOK YOURSELF OUT WITH THESE CREEPY STORIES...



the devil in exchange for his amazingly out-of-this-world musical talent and that

the devil came to claim it back when he was 27. Freakily since then, heaps of other famous rockers like Nirvana's Kurt Cobain, Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin have been kicking the bucket at 27 as well. Coincidence? Probably...

COMPLETELY MAD

Footy players beware... you're in for a scare! As with many sports, the NFL (the USA's National Football League) has its own videogame called Madden NFL, and whilst we're sure it's a great play, you wouldn't want to have your face gracing its shiny cover. Why not? Well, according to the Madden Curse, whichever player appears on the cover is jinxed with poor performance or injury for the season.



RUSSIAN REVENGE

If we didn't warn you before, we're warning you now: never get on the bad side of a wizard ... erm, psychic! In the early 1900s in Russia, the royal Romanovs' mystic, Grigori Rasputin, predicted that the entire Romanov family would die within two years if he were to be killed by one of them. He was. Perhaps he really was psychic, but others believe that he placed this curse on the family himself whilst on his deathbed, seeking revenge. Whatever it was, he was more than right. The Romanov family was soon gone. Thing is, so were a lot of other families, it was World War I after all!

Can Penelope lift her curse? See for yourself when *Penelope*, starring Christina Ricci and Reese Witherspoon comes out on DVD September 3.



Camera Men

Ever wonder how films are made? Kids Will and Lee from the funny flick about a flick, *Son of Rambow* know how. After all, they're writing, producing and starring in one themselves! Here's a sneak peek at their story ...

The Script
The story's all still a little hush-hush as Will doesn't want his conservative family to get a hold of his masterpiece, but so far, this is what we've read. Dogs will fly and people will overdose on Space Dust. In Will's hilarious, movie spin-off to the famous *Rambow* movie, this isn't about *Rambow* though; this is about the son-of-*Rambow*! And yes, having been written by a kid, this script has been penned down quickly and

hasn't been run through the spell-checker, hence the "w" at the end of *Rambow*.

The Lead Actor
When you're the brains behind a film like Will is, you tend to get more than your fair say over who gets to be the lead. So, why not choose yourself? A novice actor, this is Will's

film debut and he's not taking it lightly. Slapping on the war paint, he's not afraid to jump straight in and tackle his own stunts. Wicked!

Carl and Cow

OK everyone, crowd in! It's time for the credits to roll. The moment their classmates heard Lee scream out "action" from behind his camera, they were all teeming to nab a spot on the credit listing. Question is, is there enough film to fit them all?

Check out all the behind-the-scenes action and mayhem of Will and Lee's film when *Son of Rambow* rolls into cinemas from September 4.

WIN THE ULTIMATE MEGA MONSTER PACK*



Hellboy II: The Golden Army is crashing into cinemas and to celebrate, we have a **MEGA MONSTER HELLBOY PACK** to give away. One lucky DMAG reader will win the new red Nintendo DS Lite, 2 DS games, a DS Lite accessory pack, a limited edition Hellboy backpack and figurine, and tickets to see the film with **FIVE** friends! Your buddies will be **RED** with envy! We also have 10 runner-up prize packs that include a double pass to see the movie and a limited edition Hellboy backpack. And if that's not enough, 20 third place winners will each receive a double pass to see this year's hottest action movie **Hellboy II: The Golden Army**. That's a whopping 31 prizes in total!

Only at the Movies 28 August

*Please check with an adult before entering. Hellboy II: The Golden Army is anticipated to be M rated.

To enter draw your own monster and tell us what its special powers are. Add your name, address and age, attach the token found on page 98 and send your entry to: DMAG Hellboy II Comp, PO Box 1036, Spit Junction, NSW 2088. See page 98 for terms and conditions.



Hurry! Competition closes 5 September.

Battle of the Beasts

He's big, he's red and he's the unlikely hero of the action-packed sci-fi flick, *Hellboy II: The Golden Army*. He's Hellboy and he's not the only awesome creature in this mythical battle to save planet Earth ...

a bunch of fire-filled bolts onto anyone who dares to get in her way ...

What a scorpion!

HELLBOY

There's a reason why this red brute doesn't look like your typical superhero, and that's because he **wasn't meant to be**. Sent to Earth from the depths of the underworld, Hellboy was **programmed** to be evil but was saved by Dr Broom and taught to do good instead. Now he fights evil with a red fist and a gigantic pyromaniacal **Woo!**

LIZ SHERMAN

Pretty much the most human of the lot, Liz is smoking hot - literally! With a single chant of "the fire is not my enemy, it is a part of me," this pyromaniac can pack a flamin'



ABE SAPIEN

Foul-mouthed, Abe fancies the more rotten things in life. His delicacy of choice? Rotten eggs - gross! That aside, Abe is a sweetheart who is on the search for justice. An aquatic empath, he wears an Aquarlung to breathe on land and

can read the past and future of any object.

JOHANN KRAUSS

Is this a ghost or an astronaut? Well, technically he's a disembodied ectoplasmic mystic. Err ... OK, for all of you who aren't familiar with the paranormal



here's a quick explanation. Johann is made completely out of ectoplasm, a gaseous substance that some believe ghosts let out, which means

that Johann doesn't really have a body. So he wears a thick coat to keep him all in one piece! As for the mystic part, well isn't that obvious? Johann can speak to the dead. Oh, and he can also give inanimate objects life. Cool, huh?

ANGEL OF DEATH

Just as her name suggests, this female is the grim reaper. Made of dust and sand, this underworld creature holds a secret about the future that not everyone will be dying to hear about.



PRINCE NUADA

An exile by nature, this evil war returns to the mythical land of Bethmoora, armed with his unsightly Golden Army, ready to reclaim a throne he believes is rightfully his. Is there nothing that evil won't do for a bit of power?

WINK

Prince Nuada's right hand man, Wink is a troll with not as much in his mind ... or in his He'll do anything his master commands. Even setting him to grab a toothed hammer to grubbing Hellboy with his own face. What a billy!



Check out this creature feature by catching Hellboy II: The Golden Army in cinemas from August 28.

NB: Hellboy II is rated M, just like the last Harry Potter movie, and includes elements of fantasy and action that may be scary to younger children.

Ben Tennyson may be an alien-battling hero in the TV series *Ben 10*, but he's also an ordinary ten year-old boy, as **DMAG found out ...**

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

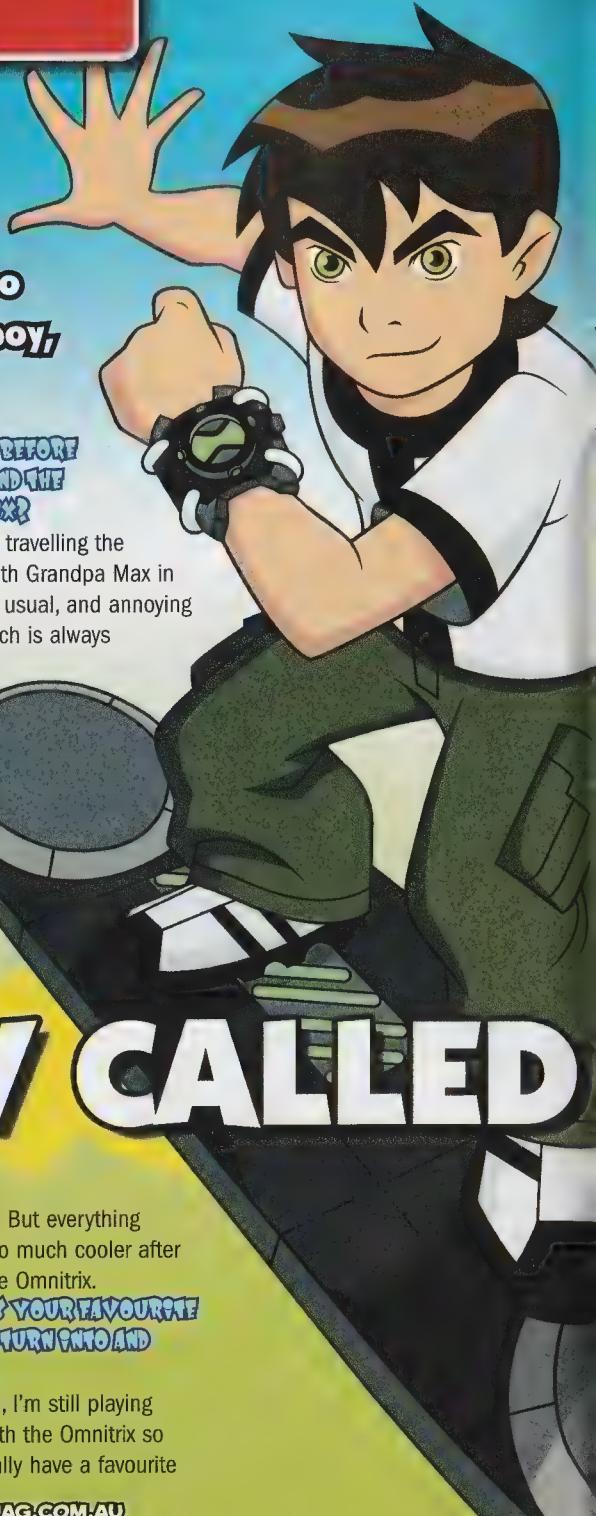
Ben: Anything, as long as it's not Grandpa Max's cooking! Come on, who likes kidney stew ... yuck, just thinking about it makes me sick.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?

Ben: Any subject that Gwen sucks at - which is all of 'em! Also, I think schools should start teaching a subject on "How to Be a Hero" ... Maybe I could teach it!

HOLIDAY BEFORE YOU FOUND THE OMNITRIX?

Ben: Just travelling the country with Grandpa Max in the RV, as usual, and annoying Gwen, which is always



A BOY CALLED

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

Ben: Are you kidding?! Of course, I'll continue to be a hero! It rocks to transform into aliens and save the world from the bad guys!

HOW WERE YOU PLANNING TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER?

sweeeeet! But everything became so much cooler after I found the Omnitrix.

WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE ALIEN TO TURN INTO AND WHY?

Ben: Well, I'm still playing around with the Omnitrix so I don't really have a favourite

yet ... but give me a little time to find out which alien annoys Gwen the most and I'll get back to you.

IF YOU COULD GET THE OMNITRIX TO DO ANYTHING BESIDES TURN YOU INTO AN ALIEN, WHAT WOULD YOU GET IT TO DO?

Ben: Turn Gwen into a rat! She looks like a rat already, but it would really rock to see her with a rat's head – permanently!

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING BEN 10?

Ben: Being a superhero, duh?! There is nothing better and cooler than being able to change into different aliens, shoot fireballs, lift heavy weights and kick the bad guys' butt!

WHAT'S THE WORST THING?

Ben: That Grandpa Max and Gwen won't let me tell other



D'REVIEW

Ben 10 – Season 4

Summer break's nearly over, so does that mean that Ben 10's gonna get a break from battling those evil aliens? He wishes! With the Negative 10 baddies about, Ben will have to outwit, outsmart and outalien like never before if he wants to come out of this on top. Alien-tastic!

people I'm a super hero. That really sucks sometimes...

WHICH DO YOU PREFER: ANALOGUE OR DIGITAL WATCHES AND WHY?

Ben: What's the use of watches when you've got an Omnitrix! Superheroes don't need watches – we run on hero time!

DO YOU THINK YOU AND GWEEN WILL EVER COMPLETELY GET ALONG?

Ben: What?!? Who would ever want to get along with that annoying Goody-Two-Shoes and Miss Know-It-All? Never!

IF GWEEN'S SHORT FOR Gwendolyn, IS BEN SHORT FOR BENJAMIN?

Ben: No comment. Some things are better left unsaid.

YOU SEEM PRETTY FEARLESS. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT ACTUALLY SCARES YOU?

Ben: You are right, I'm pretty

fearless! But have you ever seen clowns ... those freaky white faces ... and ... and those big red shoes. It is not right! They give me the willies!

WHICH CAME FIRST, THE ALIEN OR THE OMNITRIX?

Ben: The Omnitrix, of course! **HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING TURNED INTO A REAL-LIFE CHARACTER, IN THE LOVE ACTION MOVIE, RACE AGAINST TIME?**

Ben: It rocks to become a real-life action hero. Now more people can see how I, Ben Tennyson, save the world and that feels greeeat!

Tune-in Time:

Don't miss **Ben 10: Race Against Time**, September 20, Saturday at 6pm, only on Cartoon Network!



Welcome

If you're wondering what in the world is WALL-E from the fab new flick, **WALL-E**, then plug yourself into this page and download the answers into your hard drive (and by hard drive, we mean brain).

The World As We Know It ...

... has gone! It's over 700 years into the future and Mother Earth is now a mother of a wasteland. There's so much rubbish about that all humankind has been forced to live in space - on the spaceship Axiom - whilst the cleanup patrol does its best to fix up the mess. And that's where WALL-E comes in ...



Waste Not, Want Not

So who is WALL-E? Well, he's a robot for one. A Waste Allocation Load Lifter of the Earth-class, WALL-E's directive is to crush the city's junk into cubes and pile them up into enormous skyscrapers.

Practically alone, all he has is a tiny cockroach friend and one videotape that he plays over and over again ...

Do the Robot

Although most robots don't have a personality, WALL-E's been around long enough



WALL-E

60s Revival

Guess what? There is actually a dance move called The Robot! It was big in the 60s and 70s (so your parents/grandparents may know it!) and involves moving your arms and legs around like a robot!

to have developed one. He has his own little caravan-type home, where he keeps all his spare parts, knick-knacks and trinkets that he has found on his disposal rounds and a movie, which



he loves to dance to, called *Hello, Dolly!*

Adam and Eve
Boy has this bot got problems! When the beautiful robot EVE descends onto

Earth, on a mission to find some form of life on it, WALL-E makes it his mission to win her over. But it seems that her mission is far greater than his...

Get robotic WALL-E dances into cinemas from September 18.

Creepie Creecher
from the TV show,
Growing Up
Creepie, isn't your
average human,
she's actually been
adopted by bugs!
But she's not the
only one to be
taken in by another
species, check
out these real life
strange adoptees ...



WOLFMOTHER

Being raised by bugs is positively tame compared to this true-to-life Tarzan tale. Last year, a boy was said to have been found running and

because he couldn't speak Russian, had toes that looked like claws, strong canine-like teeth and walked around with his legs half bent. Talk about acting like an animal!

scavenging for food with a pack of wolves in Russia.

Thought to be only ten years old, he must be have been quite young when he took to the wild

TIGGER AND PIGLET

It might take a big loving Pooh Bear to help keep Tigger and Piglet together, but in real life they wouldn't be caught alive next to each other ... or would they? Prepare to be stunned.

For years now tigresses at the Sriracha Tiger Zoo in Thailand have actually been adopting piglets! Fearsome as they may seem, these tigresses put their animal instincts aside to nurse

and suckle baby piglets as their own. Sweet, yet kinda scary ...

SNAKE SNACK

If it's a fact that rat snakes love to snack on small rodents, then wouldn't you expect that one would relish the chance to gobble down a hamster? Well yes, that's what keepers at a Tokyo zoo thought too when they presented one of their rat snakes with a dwarf hamster.



BESTIARIONS

Strangely enough though, the snake didn't think this furry fella was a feast, but a friend and took him in as a cage-mate. Awww.

BIRDS AND BEES

If there's one bird that's got to be clueless about motherhood, it's the European cuckoo. A brood parasite by nature, when ready to lay her egg, this bird

will push one of the eggs in a reed warbler's nest out and replace it with her own for it to look after instead! It doesn't stop there. Once the egg hatches, the cuckoo chick will push the warbler's eggs out so that it can have all the food for itself. How cunning!

KITTY LOVE

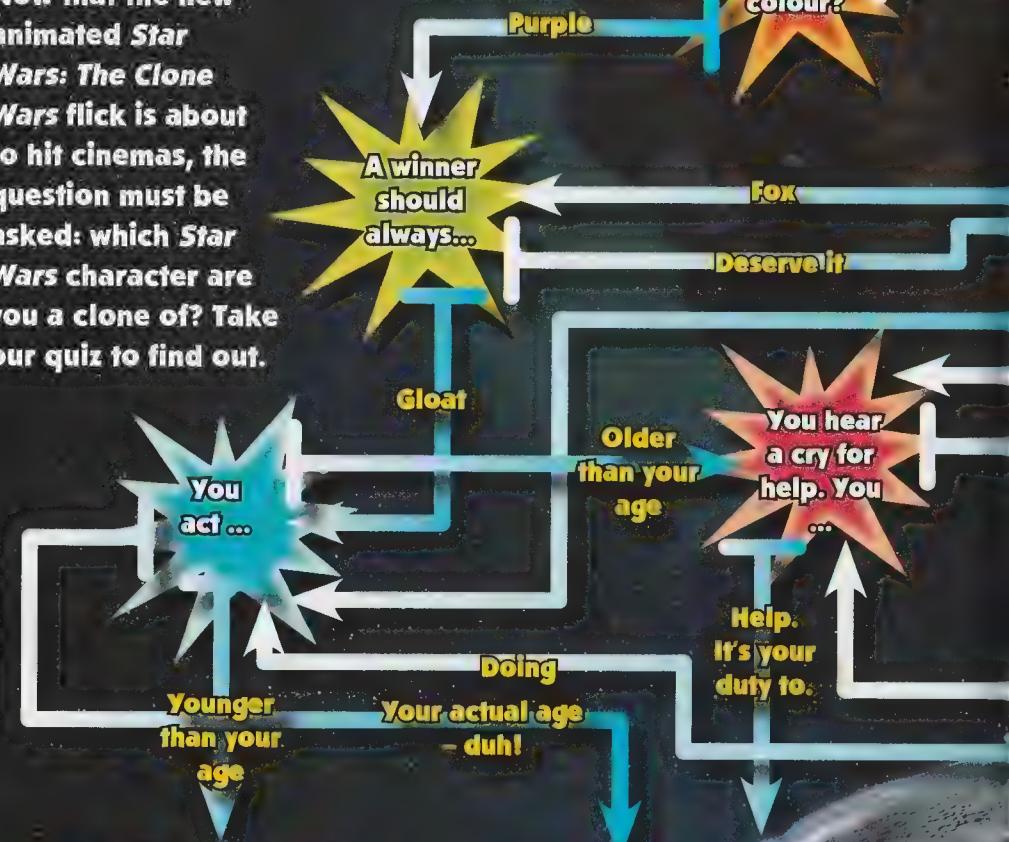
Seems like we're not the only ones who like to take in other animals for pets. Koko,

Catch more
Interspecies action with
Growing Up Creepie,
Fridays @ 4.55pm on ABC1.

a lowland gorilla living in California, has an adorable habit of adopting kittens. She plays with them, carries them on her back and even dresses them up in napkins! Yup, a definite soft spot, Koko's so in love with these felines that *The Three Little Kittens* is even her favourite book! No, seriously. It is.

CHARACTER CLONING

Now that the new animated *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* flick is about to hit cinemas, the question must be asked: which *Star Wars* character are you a clone of? Take our quiz to find out.



Anakin Skywalker
Like Anakin, you may be quick to learn, but at times you're also so quick off the mark that you end up in a gigantic mess! Sometimes it's better to slow down, take a deep breath and let the Force be with you.

Obi-Wan Kenobi
Noble and disciplined, like Obi-Wan you're a patient teacher and follower who easily earns respect wherever you go and that's because you give respect back. Well done my friend.

Let the cloning begin! *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* is in cinemas from August 14.

Green

You are
most like
a(n) ...

Power

Blue

Lion

The
word
'leader'
means:

Owl

Responsibility

Rush out
the door

When
school
finishes,
you ...

How tall
are you?

Jump to it,
eager to be of
assistance.

Almost two metres

A metre and a half

Finish listening to the teacher,
pack up and then leave.

Listening

You learn
best by...

Reading

Ahsoka Tano

Headstrong and determined. Like Ahsoka, you're not one to back down when fighting for a worthy cause or for something that you believe in.

Master Yoda

Hmmm. Wise you are. Never one to do anything on impulse, like Yoda, you always think long and ponder over decisions and consequences before taking a call to action. An important trait to have, indeed.

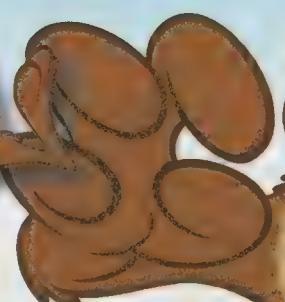
LESSON PLAN

SPOTLIGHT

You'd better run if you see a psychotic tornado about 'cos it might be Taz the Tasmanian devil and if there's one thing on his mind, it's food. But if your legs won't budge, then these tactics are sure to keep this carnivorous cartoon from turning you into a meal.

THE LOONEY BIN

Like Bugs, Daffy and Tweety, Taz is a Looney Tunes character. Created in 1954, he's known for grunting, growling, blowing raspberries and gobbling up everything in sight.



LIKE ONLY A WOMAN CAN

She's more than a woman, she's a She-Devil! OK, you got us. She's really a he and by that, we mean he's Bugs Bunny. HUH? Taz has a weakness for female Tassie devils. But if there aren't any in sight for him to go all ga-ga



TAZZIE



over, then that rascally rabbit Bugs Bunny has been known to dress up as a girl in the hopes that Taz doesn't add rabbit soup to his menu. Hmmm ... got any other options? We sure do!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Lions. Octopus. Bears. Elephants. You name it, Taz will eat it. So what's the best way to divert his salivating tongue away from you? Why, by giving him something else to drool over! Search the freezer for some frozen chicken, stick it under his nose and when he's busy gobbling that down, bolt outta there!

DADDY TAZZIE

Dadda? Taz might not seem like he has a brain, but he does have a heart and has fallen for a blanket disguised as a baby Taz devil before. So grab some spare cloth, bundle it up as if there's something inside it and congratulate ol' Taz on becoming a father. He'll be so shocked he won't know what to do!

Craving for some fan-Taz-tic toons? Flip over to page 91 to see what else Taz has been chomping on. Yep, we have a sneak peek of *Taz's Activity Special* magazine, which is out now!

SAVE A DEVIL

Even Warner Bros is getting in on the fight to save the real Tasmanian devil from extinction. In 2006 it gave the Tasmanian government the thumbs up to sell Taz dolls to help raise funds for research into the devil facial tumour disease. Check out our Project Pull-out on page 47 to see what YOU can do to help save Tassie devils too!

HIDE AND SEEK

Take a page out of Bugs' book. If rabbit is what Taz wants, then don't be a rabbit! Bugs has bought himself time to get away in the past by pretending to be a monkey. So, if Taz is hungering for human, then pretend to be something else. A snail maybe. Or a rock. Those don't sound tasty at all!



TORNADO

Subs!



This offer
will freak
you out!

Hey DMAG Dudes!

Subscribe now to meet the families
on Freak Street!

Subscribe to *DMAG* today to get a FREE copy of *Meet the Zombiesons*, one of the great new books in the *Freak Street* series by Knife and Packer.

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Filled with great pictures, wacky humour and body parts (they are zombies you know) this book will make you laugh until your head drops off – assuming you're a zombie that is. For regular human children, heads are guaranteed to stay on when reading.

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SUN POWER

The Solar Boat Challenge has returned! With over \$30,000 worth of goodies up for grabs for your school, now's the time to get building. So grab your teacher and some mates and create a ...

- **Wire Guided Model Boat:** Nice and lightweight, these boats are only allowed to have one motor and must be fitted with wire guides to ensure that they sail straight.
- **Remote Controlled Model Boat:** A treat for the tech savvy, these water rippers can have as many motors as you like and may be radio controlled to help outwit the competition.
- **Piloted Boat:** A true challenge, make sure you rope your teacher in to help you out if you're planning on taking this one up. Powered solely by sunlight and fitted with two signal devices, this will by far be the race of the day!

The Solar Boat's National Challenges are running from August to November, so paddle over to www.solarchallenge.com.au for more info and to register.

DINGO STINK-O

Pew-wow! Some stink bombs might be powerful enough to clear a roomful of people, but what disgusting odour is powerful enough to clear an area of kangaroos? Dingo pee! Researchers discovered that by placing gel filled with fresh dingo pee around a feeding station, many kangaroos refused to set foot or look in the area! Surprise! It wasn't the stench that did the dirty work, but chemicals in the pee that made them fearful to go near it. Researchers are now working on turning these chemicals into an effective alternative to harmful poisons to keep kangaroos and marsupials out of important 'smiling and reforesting' areas. Good-bye, dingos!





HAPPY TRAILS

Fancy a little getaway but not quite sure where to go? Here's an idea: grab your family and friends and get a whiff of fresh air on September 14 by joining the Great Australian Bushwalk! Heaps of Aussies across the nation will be lacing up their joggers, grabbing their water bottles and heading

out on guided walks across our magnificent mountain

ranges, rainforests, beaches, marshlands and heathlands - so why don't you? Not only is it a great family day out, you'll get stacks of exercise - awesome! To get in on the action, trek over to www.greataustralianbushwalk.org.au and register before the day.

YEPPOONING AROUND

If Yeppoon in the heart of Queensland is where you'd like to take an off-the-beaten-track holiday to this year, then you're in luck! Beginning with music, movies, and heaps of awesome hands-on workshops, like the fantastical sandcastle ones, you'll be glad to know that you have three whole days - that's August 29 to 31 - to do everything in Yeppoon.



WEIRD SCIENCE



Amphibimorph

This is one inside out affair that is sure to make your skin claw. Yes, claw. Whilst conducting research in South Africa, a biologist from Harvard University uncovered the Wolverine of all amphibians. In other words, a species of frog that, when threatened by a predator, will push its toe bones out of its skin, creating visible "claws", which it will then use to defend itself! So far the Harvard team has found an amazing 11 species with this ability and are hopeful that there are a couple more still out there. Better remember to keep those gloves handy guys. These are so not your average amphibians!



This Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter was used to help determine the size of this crater.

THE GREATER CRATER

The crater that Dave in the flick, *Meet Dave* created when he crash-landed on planet Earth is

Officially the largest crater in our Solar System (so far, that is), space gurus NASA believe that this Martian basin is the result of some colossal impact that occurred when our Solar System was being formed. So how big is big? Well, if Mars' circumference is 21,344 kilometres and this crater covers about 40 per cent of Mars' surface, that means ... it's about 853 kilometres wide. Yowzer!

Bot Ball

This isn't weird science; this is weird sports science! In what seems like an updated version of foosball, robotic researchers worldwide have taken robotic AI (artificial intelligence) to the next level by creating super-robotic football teams! Equipped with cameras, sensors and internal accessories that allow them to strategise against their robotic opponents, these fellas can recognise the ball, sidelines, goalposts and players without so much as a remote control to tell them what to do. What's next, taking on the World Cup? *Not a chance*, says the team at RoboCup, but not until 2050.



Tassie Devils!

Help save our endangered devils



Project
pull-outs
make your life
easier!

Read on if you want
to spend more time
doing fun things
and less time doing
homework ...

It's a pitch black night in the Tasmanian wilderness. Horrible shrieking sounds are coming from nearby, and then you see it, a creature with blood-red pointy ears ... aaagh! It's a devil!

OK that's enough of that! We all know how Tasmanian devils got their name (if you don't, the previous paragraph was a clue) but we reckon that devils have been hard done by. They're just way too cute and character filled to be considered scary, as you'll see in this project pull-out.

These amazing marsupials are facing extinction – they're being wiped out by a terrible disease. And a quick warning – it's not pretty. If we don't act now we might not save them. But luckily we can all help – read on to find out how.

A devil of a



Tim Faulkner from the Australian Reptile Park with some healthy young Tasmanian devils.

Tasmanian devils are facing extinction in the wild from a terrible disease. We asked Tim Faulkner, the Head Tasmanian Devil Keeper at the Australian Reptile Park, to tell us all about it ...

The thing that's getting them is a tumour. It's not painless and they don't die quickly. It's horrifying and they die of starvation," explains Tim. Tumours are lumps of cells that have gone out of control, causing them to grow quickly in ways that the body's cells wouldn't normally grow.

In the case of the Tasmanian devils, most of the tumours seem to grow around the face, which is

why the disease has been called the Devil Facial Tumour Disease (DFTD).

The tumours, which are a form of cancer, start around the mouth and grow bigger until eventually the poor devils can't feed any more. They usually die of starvation about six months after the tumours first appear.

The reality

It's very disturbing to think about this disease, but it's spreading so quickly that we have to think about it.

time

There's a chance that before you even finish high school, devils will have been wiped out. As at May 2008, the outlook was that Tasmanian devils would be extinct in the wild within three to 20 years.

It's grim news, but there is a small bright side ...

The West is spared

So far, western populations in Tasmania have been spared. About a third of the state has a healthy population.

All that separates the healthy devils from the infected ones is a mountain range and some lakes

This is what the devil facial tumour disease looks like. It's not pretty, but imagine how the poor little devil feels. This disease will kill it.

though. So, over time, it's expected that this population will also become infected.

But for now, we've still got some healthy devils. And here's the good news. We've taken some of the strongest and healthiest, and shipped them to mainland Australia, to breed them. It's a bit like Noah's Ark, so they've called the rescue mission "Project Ark". Turn the page to find out more ...

FAST FACTS

NAME: Devil Facial

Tumour Disease

FIRST APPEARED:

1996

CAUSE: Unknown

TRANSMITTED BY:

Biting

CONTAGIOUS TO

HUMANS: No

OUTCOME FOR

DEVIL: Fatal

CURE: None as yet

 Distribution of devils with facial disease

0 100 km

Launceston

HOBART

Project Ark

Zoos across Australia are working to save the Tasmanian devil. We visited the Australian Reptile Park to find out more ...

One of the first things you notice when you see the Tasmanian devils at the park is that they're nothing at all like that crazy cartoon character Taz.

They're almost cute, with glossy dark coats, the occasional white marking and stacks of personality. Tim says that they have really strong characters,

- The Tasmanian devils at the Australian Reptile Park have identification tags clipped in their ears.



FAST FACTS

NAME: Tasmanian Devil
EATS: Meat
WEIGHS: Up to 12kg
LIVES: Tasmania, in any environment they can find shelter during the day. They're nocturnal.
LIFESPAN: 7 years

and working with them, he's come to know them all individually.

He's become especially fond of a cheeky little one called G'Day G'Day, but you'll meet him later ...

zoos to the rescue

Tim's been to Tasmania and

seen the disease ridden devils first-hand, so he knows how important it is to save them.

Eight mainland zoos and wildlife parks are taking part in Project Ark. Each received some healthy Tasmanian devils in late 2006 and/or

Did you know?

Tasmanian devils are scavengers, meaning that they'll happily eat animals that have already been killed. It might sound gross but they do us a favour, because they clean up dead creatures like road-kill. Their jaws are so powerful that they can crunch through flesh, fur and even bones!

2007, as part of the national effort to save the species.

It's hoped that these healthy animals will breed, and build up a big population so that if things do go wrong in Tasmania, their offspring can be reintroduced once the threat of DFTD has passed.

Quarantine

But taking animals from Tasmania and breeding them isn't as easy as it sounds.

For a start, what happens if the animals from Tasmania

accidentally infect the mainland's captive Tasmanian devils? Then the whole insurance population would be at risk.

To safeguard against this, the Tasmanian recruits were put into strict quarantine and

devils from the park, the next task was getting them to breed.

Ready to mate

You see, female Tasmanian devils are only in-season, or in oestrus, for nine days in the entire year – three days in February, three days in May (if they don't already have joeys) and three days in June/July. When they're in-season, males can mate with them.

It can be easy for a zookeeper to miss those



kept separate from the other animals for a full year.

And when they were allowed to mix with other Tasmanian

three days. Luckily the Australian Reptile Park has been paying attention, because their Tasmanian devils have managed to breed.

Which is where the next part of our journey begins, in mum's pouch ...

G'Day G'Day

One of the most exciting events for any zookeeper is when one of their charges has babies!

Tim told us all about the birth of G'Day G'Day, the cutie shown opposite ...



When G'Day G'Day was born he had no back legs, no tail, no ears and his eyes weren't even slits," says Tim.

Was G'Day G'Day normal?

Perfectly. Like most marsupials, Tasmanian devils are born as tiny, naked little creatures. But G'Day G'Day, although barely the size of a jellybean, did have one thing working for him ... his nose!

Like the rest of the litter, G'Day G'Day followed his nose, and the milk trail in his mother's fur, to find himself a teat. Once there, he latched on and didn't let go.

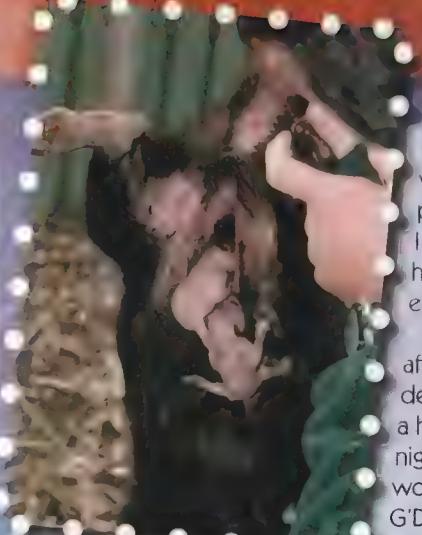
Survival of the fittest

G'Day G'Day's mum, Patch, was pregnant for only 21 days when she had her litter. She might have given birth to more than four young, but, like all female Tasmanian devils, she only had four

teats, and that means space for only four newborns.

Now when we said G'Day G'day didn't let go of the teat, we weren't kidding. He held on for four months!

During this time, thanks to all mum's milk, he grew. His little paddles at the front turned into legs and paws, and he grew back legs, a tail and fur. And just before he was ready to venture out of the pouch, he opened his eyes.



Tasmanian devils have a backwards facing pouch. These joeys, which were bred at Taronga Zoo as part of Project Ark, are so young (they don't have fur yet).

The real world

When they're ready to leave the pouch they're quite big. But mum still doesn't trust them entirely on their own. She'll often leave the joeys together in a hollow log until she returns. After another couple of months they're off the baby milk and ready for the real world.

Well that's what happens in the wild. G'Day G'Day's upbringing was slightly different ...

The escape artist

After G'Day G'day left the pouch, Tim hand reared him. "He was a little escape

artist," says Tim. "He would climb, dig, push ... every time I turned my back he would be off exploring."

Tim likens looking after a baby Tasmanian devil to looking after a human baby. Every night Tim would give G'Day G'Day a bottle. He'd keep him warm, wash him down with a face towel (Tasmanian devils are very messy eaters) and clip his nails. With five feeds a day and lots of pooping to clear up, Tim was a busy man.

But his favourite memory is of G'Day G'day snuggling under his jumper, trying to get under his armpit where he felt warm and safe.

Joeys latch on to one of the mum's four teats and don't let go for another four months!



Breeding success

The Australian Reptile Park has been very successful at breeding Tasmanian devils, and so have some other zoos – the naked joeys shown on this page were bred at Taronga Zoo.

But will they be successful enough? It's estimated



This is G'Day G'Day as a young joey being hand-reared at Tim's place.

that we need at least 500 Tasmanian devils on the mainland for the species to survive. That's a lot of babies we want!

Help save them!



If you don't want the Tasmanian devil to go the same way as the Tasmanian tiger, help us save them ...



K, you've heard it before, but it's true – raising awareness about what's happening to the devils is very important. Tell your family, friends, classmates and teachers. Spread the word and somewhere along the line, someone might donate money to help save the Tasmanian devil.

Did someone say donate?

DMAG is going to donate

money too, and you can help! Each month, DMAG will be printing a "Save the Tasmanian devil" token. We will be printing five tokens in a row. If you collect all five and send them in to us, we'll donate 30c to the Australian Reptile Park and the Tasmanian devil appeal.*

If you collect four tokens, we'll donate 20 cents. And three tokens 10 cents.

Just think, if 10,000 DMAG

readers collect five tokens each, we'll donate \$3,000!

And remember, you don't have to donate the money, we'll do it for you. You just have to collect the tokens in each DMAG, and then send them in at the end.

The tokens start next month in DMAG as well as regular updates on how our baby devil is going ...

We've adopted!

Yes, DMAG has adopted one of the Australian Reptile Park's newest litter. And we want you to name him! See the opposite page for details on how to enter.

And remember, with



everyone's help, we might be able to help save the Tasmanian devil!

For more tips on saving the Tasmanian devil see www.tassiedevil.com.au or www.dmag.com.au

NAME THE DMAG DEVIL!

The Australian Reptile Park and DMAG would like your help to name DMAG's baby Tasmanian devil!

Everyone who sends in an entry will get sent an Australian Reptile Park 'FREE child entry with paying adult' pass.

The winner will get the honour of naming DMAG's Tasmanian devil, plus they'll get a family* **Behind the Scenes VIP Tour** of the Australian Reptile Park, a goodie bag, and the chance to meet some Tasmanian devils!



We're looking for names that will reflect the Tasmanian devil's personality, its heritage or the battle it's facing to stay alive.

To enter, fill in the form below and send it to DMAG Devil Comp, PO Box 1036 Spit Junction NSW 2088.

I would name the Tasmanian devil: _____

I would name it this because: _____

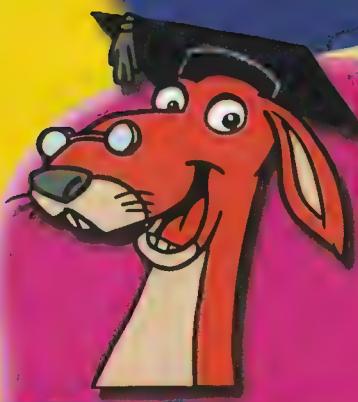
My name is: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Age: _____ Phone: _____ Email*: _____

*Notes: 1) Family pass is for 2 adults and 2 children. 2) FREE child entry with paying adult passes will be emailed to recipients unless requested otherwise. 3) See page 98 for terms and conditions.



Did you

G'DAY! I'm Red the Red Kangaroo from the Australian Reptile Park here to share with you the cool nature and environment facts that I found this month. Check them out...



DID YOU KNOW...

The giant saguaro cactus can grow up to an amazing 15 metres tall and live for a whopping 200 years.



DID YOU KNOW...

Humpback whales can carry up to 450 kilograms of barnacles attached to their bodies.



DID YOU KNOW...

Nearly 35 per cent of the world's amphibians are endangered.



DID YOU KNOW...

A giant puffball usually contains around 7000 billion spores.

know?

Check out this month's environmentally-friendly top tip and you'll see how easy it is to make the world a cleaner and greener place for all of us to live in!

DID YOU KNOW...

The technical term for a group of jellyfish is a smack of jellyfish.

DID YOU KNOW...

Mockingbirds in the Galapagos Islands have been known to pluck the hairs off passing tourists and use them to build their nests ... eek!



DID YOU KNOW...

The production of one kilogram of new printer cartridge emits an equal one kilogram of greenhouse gas emissions.

Top Tip:

SHARING IS CARING

There's no denying that toys are great, but if you have a tendency to break or get sick of them easily, then really that's no so great. Most toys are made, directly or indirectly, from natural resources, so if you keep buying up, these resources are quickly lost. Some ways to counter this is to buy more durable toys, buy second-hand toys, pass your old toys to your siblings when you outgrow them or share any old videogames that you've tired of with your mates. You'll even save more of your hard earned cash that way!



Homework Help

If you have a question about anything to do with science, nature or the environment, visit www.dmag.com.au and ask Red for help.

SO GROSS

DMAG's Grossest of Pages

can cause blood vessels underneath the skin's surface to become damaged and even break without the skin itself breaking! Blood spills from the broken vessel but is trapped by the enclosing skin, so it forms an icky looking bubble of blood underneath called a blood blister.

Question by Hannah Radvan

Is there actually blood in blood blisters?

Yup, they don't call them blood blisters for nothing you know! Like most other blisters, blood blisters can occur when unprotected skin is pinched too much and too hard. This



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so it forms an icky looking bubble of blood underneath called a blood blister.

Why do all bats wee and poo on themselves?



Hmmmm now who told you that bats do that? Sorry to say, but we think someone's pulling your wing here, leg! Bats tend to poo and wee whilst flying, which is great food for all the hungry plants below. And although bats do sleep upside down, when they wake up bursting to go, these highly intelligent little critters are more than smart enough to right themselves before they take care of business. What a relief.

Question by Wayde Woodham

Would you like us to answer a gross question?

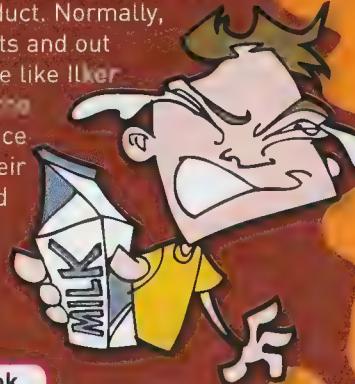
Send us a question and the best three will win a *So Gross Animals* book! Send your question, written on the back of an envelope with your name, age and address, to:

DMAG So Gross Competition
PO Box 1036,
Spit Junction
NSW 2088.
See page 98
for terms and
conditions.



How can some people drink milk and then squirt it out of their eyes?

Now that's nasty! This rare party trick is usually due to a medical condition, whether it's born or due to surgery, in the eye's tear duct. Normally, tears flow down the tear ducts and out the nose. However, for people like like Yoloz, who currently holds the record for the farthest distance one can squirt milk out of their eyes, they can send the liquid from the mouth, backwards up the tear ducts and, by adding extra pressure to this movement, can squirt what they've drunk out. Freaky!



Question by Amber Joye Cook

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Been Cooking Lately?

If the answer is no, then jump into this Bean Haystack recipe!

You'll need: an adult to help you cook, an onion, a teaspoon of cooking oil, a small red capsicum (chopped), a can of crushed tomatoes, a can of kidney (or chilli) beans and plain corn chips.

Heat oil, onion and capsicum in a large frying pan until soft. Add the crushed tomatoes and beans and heat through. Serve this mixture over the corn chips. You can even top this with shredded lettuce, low fat grated cheese or cucumber. Yum!



Be Bean Smart

So what's so special about beans anyway? Well, let's see ... not only are most varieties low in fat (sorry dudes, soya and jelly beans don't count), they're also stacked full of fibre and are low GI, which means they're excellent for keeping up those energy levels all day long. Not convinced yet? Well, on top of all that, they also contain potassium and folic acid, which your heart will love. Wow!



Good Golf

Some may tell you that a sport like golf is strictly for the olds, but don't believe them. Researchers in Europe have just discovered that no matter how old you are, swinging that putter about could actually prolong your life by up to five years. No way! OK, you caught us. It's not actually the swinging that helps you out, but the walking. Did you know that a golfer usually has to walk a massive six kilometres in order to complete a full 18 hole round? Now that's what we call a load of exercise.

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OLYMPIC WHEELS

The 2008 Beijing Olympics is wheelie great, especially now that BMX riding is an event! We chatted to speedster Khalen Young about how he's feeling about competing.

DMAG: How did you get into BMX racing?

Khalen: My older brothers used to race and I tagged along as a kid. When they got older, they got cars and I stayed at it and persevered.

DMAG: How are you feeling about the Olympics?

Khalen: It'll be all right. I can't think about it too much, you know? I just approach it as another race - I'll get too nervous otherwise.

DMAG: What does BMXing involve?

Khalen: It's like a running race. Eight people line up and you just go.

DMAG: How long is the track?

Khalen: About 350 metres. (The race) only goes for like thirty seconds. It's really smooth and the jumps are kind of big.

DMAG: What's the hardest thing about racing?

Khalen: The strict training regime. Up at

6.30am and in bed by 8pm. Train twice a day, six days a week.

DMAG: How many bikes do you have?

Khalen: Six at seven. I've got two good race bikes and the rest are just training bikes, cross-country bikes, stuff like that.

DMAG: Any favourites?

Khalen: My gold race bike.

DMAG: Can kids get into BMXing without a BMX bike?

Khalen: It's easier to teach a person to race than to teach 'em skills. If they always ride their bike then the transition into racing's a lot easier.

DMAG: Do you do any other X-treme sports?

Khalen: Erm ... Xbox? (laughs)

The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games is on from August 8 – 24 with the BMX races being held from August 20-21.



Written from DMAG we were lucky enough to get a photo with Khalen!

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HEALTH REP

SEPTEMBER SPORTS



NEW AND OLD

BMX riding isn't the only new sport in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Other additions are: the 10 kilometre open water swim, the women's 3000 metre speed skating, the RS:X windsurfing class, and the Laser Radial one person dinghy (women's) sailing event. Phew! They may all sound a little funny, but they're nothing compared to the games that the ancient Olympics used to have. Imagine how pankration wrestling (sort of a mixture of boxing and wrestling), or even chariot racing would go down these days!

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IN FINE FORM

The Misses in the TV series *Miss Piggy* may know a thing or two about essential sports, but for those of you who are a little clued up, here's the *DMZ* dictionary of its little-known sports...

Evening: You'll be in the ring and ring like a boxer. Tickets like shiny helmets at a cross-country course of jumps and manouevres.

Dressage: You'll show off your slate. Riders and their horses perform a series of walks, trots and canter and dressage. They even (but rarely) change their saddle. You're to the task of a horse.

Jumping: Watch out ... here! Riders lead their horses through an obstacle course of giant rail walls and bodies of water. Watch the 2008 Beijing Olympics' equation events will be coming Nov. 2008, p. 9 + 21.



Paralympics

6 - 17 Paralympic Games, Beijing, China

AFL

27 Grand Final!

Golf

1 - 5 Australian Men's Interstate Teams Matches, Monash, NSW

Cycling

23 - 28 UCI World Road Championships, Italy

Freestyle Skiing

13 Australian Yukigassen Championships, Mt Buller, VIC
10 - 14 Australian National Interschools Championships, Perisher Blue, NSW

Cross Country Skiing

6 ITU Winter Triathlon, Waiorau, New Zealand

BMX

26 - 28 BMX Queensland State Titles, Cairns, QLD

Netball

17 Beginning of the New World International Netball Series, New Zealand

Motor Sports

12 - 14 V8 Supercar L&H 500, Phillip Island, VIC

12 - 22 Darling Downs Chapter NSW Tour 2008, Warwick NSW

13 Auspine Rally 2008, Mount Horror, TAS

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GAME-GURU . . . GAME-GURU . . . GAME-GURU . . .



WOW! Lately, Game Guru's been around the globe. My last stop was Paris, France to check out the amazing Ubidays 2008. Some of the fantastic Ubisoft games on show were Shaun White Snowboarding, Soul Calibur IV and the latest Raving Rabbids game! Also this issue there's a fun feature on the de Blob characters, and hands-on previews of the death-defying Pure and hilarious Drawn To Life: SpongeBob Edition. Not to mention, reviews of Big Beach Sports and the new Pokémon game. There's stacks of gaming here, so let's get rolling...

Catch you all next month...

Game Guru

SPECIAL FEATURE

THE COLOURFUL CHARACTERS OF CHROMA CITY! Introducing *de BLOB* and his gang of colour crusaders ...



We already know that *de Blob*'s gonna be big this year. So while we're waiting to get our hands on a final copy of it, I thought it'd be cool to check out some of the groovy characters in *de Blob*'s wacky world!

Boos

Boo ... hiss! These are the baddies in black. They're a pretty mean bunch who are out to suck all the colour and fun from *de Blob*'s planet.

de Blob

Hooray! *de Blob* is our hero, the colour crusader that

you will take control of in this multi-coloured, musical, platform adventure. He's got the moves, grooves and colours that will allow him to overthrow the Inkt Corp. and free Chroma's inhabitants.

Tha-Pro!

He's the brains of the Colour Underground. If you see him, get *de Blob* to chat with him, and you'll usually score a cool colour mission.

Arty

She's an artist. If *de Blob*



chats

with Arty, he's sure to get a challenging painting mission.

Zip

An extreme sports nut, you'll find Zip hooning around Chroma City on his roller blades. Catch him and grab some speedy missions.

Boof

He's a bit of a "boof-head" and a master of Paint-Fu. When *de Blob* hooks up with Boof you're in for some splat-tastic combat.

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SNEAK PEEKS!



SAMBA DE AMIGO

Wii

Single & Multiplayer

Rating: T.B.A.

If you're looking for some musical madness with a Mexican flavour, you can't go

past *Samba De Amigo*. This cult classic first appeared on Dreamcast and offered gamers some wickedly addictive music/rhythm styled gameplay using maracas! The cool sombrero wearing monkey is back, but now he's shaking the Wii-mote and Nunchuck. There's no doubt that this is gonna be one tasty party game!

VERDICT: This is sure to be musical mayhem at its best!

SHAUN WHITE SNOWBOARDING

Wii (also on Xbox 360/PS3)

Single & Multiplayer



game. **Shaun White** is a legend and his new snowboarding game looks set to go ballistic. I got to check out this ripper game at Ubisdays and the Wii version looked like a total scream! Sporting the Wii Balance Board as your main controls, players can carve, jump, grind and pull off insane tricks by moving their bodies – it's awesome!

VERDICT: Shaun White Snowboarding has really got the goods. Solid visuals, kick-ass extreme sports styling, great play, and some of the coolest controls ever on Wii!

SPORE

PC (also on DS)

Single Player

Rating: T.B.A.

From the wild imagination of Will Wright, the creator of *The Sims*, comes an epic intergalactic journey that allows players to create and evolve alien life forms. You will guide your creations, as they become intelligent and start to form their own civilisation. It's totally up to you how your alien race will look, act, and survive!

VERDICT: Spore has been a long time coming, but it looks like it'll be one of the hottest games of this year. See www.electronics.com.au/en-au/games/pc/spore/ to download the free trial of the Spore Creature Creator – cool! (Check with your parents first about downloading though.)



COOL COLLECTABLES!

MARIO KART DS SUPER RACE SET

We all know that Mario and the gang have been tearing up the tracks on *Mario Kart Wii*, but now all you

Nintendo fanboys and girls can take the race to the real world with the *Mario Kart DS Super Race Set*. Featuring about three metres of track, two of your fave kart racers (Mario and Yoshi) and two triggered controllers to get your racers going, this is some of the best racing action to be had on this side of the Mushroom Kingdom!



LEGO INDY DS ACCESSORIES

Are you a huge fan of the latest *LEGO Indiana Jones* game? Well, if you've been playing *LEGO Indy* on DS, you might like to grab some of these cool accessories to spruce up your DS Lite! There's the awesome leather-look *LEGO Indy* Trifold Wallet which protects

NINTENDO DS



your DS and has more than enough space to store three games and also comes with three spare stylus. And then there's the *LEGO Indy* Legends Kit, which sports a brilliant green silicone, LEGO textured, DS glove, an *Indy* system wrap and a jumbo-sized *Indy* stylus.

HANDS ON- PLAYTEST!

DRAWN TO LIFE: SpongeBob SquarePants Edition

DS

Single Player
Rating: T.B.A.

Most gamers will remember the brilliant DS game *Drawn to Life*! Well, now it's been given a wild SpongeBob



twist. Players can once again draw their stylus and battle to save the



world – only this time, it's the wacky underwater world of Bikini Bottom! I recently, scored some quality time with

the *SpongeBob Edition* of *Drawn To Life*, and discovered that it totally rocks! Once again, players' imaginations can run wild as they create a hero, weapons, vehicles, and all manner of bizarre items in the game – awesome!

HANDS ON - PLAYTEST!



SOUL CALIBUR IV

PS3 (also on Xbox 360)

Single & Multiplayer
Rating: T.B.A.

The biggest highlight of my recent Ubidays trip had to be my "hands-on" time with the incredible *Soul Calibur IV*. This game is an amazing amount of fun, particularly if you're a fan of brawlers. It's also one of the most stunning looking games to be released on next-gen. I played the four character demo on both PS3 and Xbox 360, and they were a joy to behold. Yoda and Darth Vader were wicked additions to the game, as was the new character, Hilde with her dual long/short range attacks. Add online multiplayer, and you have what could easily become the



ultimate fighter!

VERDICT: I'm a *HUGE* fan of the *Soul Calibur* series and it looks like the guys at Namco Bandai have done it again. *Soul Calibur IV* looks

amazing. The gameplay is slick and the roster includes two legendary Star Wars characters, Darth Vader (on PS3) and Yoda (on Xbox 360). A must for all older gamers!



PURE

Xbox 360 (also on PS3/PC)

Single & Multiplayer

Rating: T.B.A.

Recently, I was given a chance to strap on a helmet and take *Pure* for a spin. With so many arcade-styled off-road racers coming our way, it's gonna be extremely hard to choose between them. But I'll tell you this; *Pure* is sure to be at the front of the pack when they arrive, because it really delivers when it comes to crazy ATV thrills! Sporting absolutely spectacular visuals, a brilliant sense of speed, gravity-defying stunts and a wild sense of fun, *Pure* plays like *SSX* on quad-bikes. Jump onto one of *Pure*'s virtual ATVs, and you'll be pulling some major air in no time at all - it's a heartstopper!

VERDICT: *Pure* is a blistering, off-road racing experience that is sure to keep you bolted to the edge of your seat.

HANDS ON- PLAYTEST!



STAR WARS Force Unleashed

Wii (also on Xbox 360/PS3/
DS/PSP)

Single & Multiplayer

Rating: T.B.A.

If you've ever dreamed of being a Jedi Knight from the *Star Wars* flicks, *Force Unleashed* is just the game for you! Players strap on their light sabres and become Darth Vader's secret apprentice. The next-gen versions are looking amazing, however the Wii version I recently played delivered the goods when it came to multiplayer duels. It's a whole lot of fun unleashing the dark side of the Force!

VERDICT: Force Unleashed is shaping up to be an epic sci-fi action game. The Wii version allows players to wield the Wii-mote like a light sabre and battle in Jedi duels against a friend, making it a must for

any *Star Wars* fan!

RAD REVIEWS!

POKÉMON
MYSTERY
DUNGEON
Explorers of
Darkness/
Explorers of Light
DS

Single & Multiplayer

Rating: G



If you played *Mystery Dungeon*, you'll know it's a cool twist on

the typical *Pokémon* Role Playing Games (RPG). Instead of playing a trainer, you'll actually be transformed into a *Pokémon* after having your aura scanned at the beginning of each game.

Once you've chosen a *Pokémon* partner, you're off on a dungeon



crawling adventure; where you'll uncover the reasons behind your transformation and save the world from a deadly threat – a must for all *Pokémon*iacs!

RATING:

Game Visuals	78%
Game Audio	80%
Game Play	82%
Fun Factor	85%
Total Score	81%

BIG BEACH SPORTS

Wii

Single & Multiplayer

Rating: G

You may have caught Game Guru on *Toasted TV*, playing this gem with Pip and Dan.

Big Beach Sports is easy to pick up and is a welcome family fare. Sporting six cool sports, including beach soccer, volleyball and cricket; this is some of the best multiplayer around for Wii. Add a customisation feature that allows you to funkify the playable characters, and you have a real winner!

RATING:

Game Visuals	82%
Game Audio	80%
Game Play	83%
Fun Factor	86%
Total Score	83%



FINAL FANTASY Crisis Core

PSP

Single Player

Rating: M

This instalment in the *Final Fantasy* series happens seven years before *FFVII*, and is perfect for older *Final Fantasy* fans. There's an epic story line, stunning scenes and amazing visuals. Combat is handled by a real-time battle system, allowing players to unleash special attacks and powerful summons. Add a

collection of mini-games and side-missions and you have one of the best RPG's available on PSP!

RATING:

Game Visuals

89%

Game Audio

86%

Game Play

88%

Fun Factor

90%

Total Score

88%



SUPER SMASH BROS. BRAWL

Wii

Single & Multiplayer

Rating: PG



Nintendo's legendary brawler has just smashed its way onto Wii, delivering some of the best multi-player entertainment on the



console. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the *Smash Bros* series, it's a frenzied brawler that allows players to choose their favorite Nintendo mascots and battle it out in various combat levels.

This allows for some brilliant fantasy matchups, like seeing Mario kick Pikachu's yellow butt. There's also a fantastic multiplayer element (this is

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when the game's at its best) that adds stacks to the fun factor. You

can challenge your mates (with up to four players battling it out simultaneously) and settle those arguments over who's the toughest Nintendo character.

You want more? Well, there are over 30 Nintendo mascots to choose from (the game is a visual history lesson on their videogame characters), and



there are a few surprises on the roster like Sheik and Solid Snake from *MGS*. Add around 40 thrilling levels, loads of customisation options, online multiplayer, and the Subspace Emulator single-player mode, and you're left with one of the best Wii titles ever created!

RATING:

Game Visuals 88%

Game Audio 96%

Game Play 94%

Fun Factor 96%

Total Score 94%

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EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL FEATURE

IT'S TIME TO SHAKE YOUR BOOTY
WITH THE RAVING RABBIDS!

Game Guru gets "hands-on" with the craziest
Raving Rabbids game yet...



RAYMAN RAVING RABBIDS TV Party

Wii

Single & Multiplayer

Rating: T.B.A.

Over the past few months, Game Guru has travelled from San Francisco to Paris, scouring the biggest gaming events for the coolest innovations and latest videogames.

Finally, at Ubidiays '08, I found it: the latest Raving Rabbids game. Now we all know that there have been leaps forward in game control, (just look at the Wii-mote), but now, you can actually play games using your butt! Yeah, you heard me right, and it's all



Butt control

Trust me when I say, a lot more games will start using this awesome controller.

Wacky and

fun, those bad-boy bunnies have taken over your TV in all sorts of mini-game mayhem!

Sledding it

The highlight of getting "hands-on" and "butt-down"

possible, due to the
Wii Balance Board!



with Rabbids was the insane sled ride game, where players take control of a Rabbid that's riding on what looks like a wildebeest! It's fast, crazy, and all controlled using your butt! Just sit on the Balance Board and the fun begins. Leaning your butt left and right allows players to steer, and leaning back

and forwards controls speed. It's easy to pick-up, but a challenge to master, 'cos of the obstacles scattered around the track.

VERDICT: Is butt control the way of the future? I dunno, but I will say that it was a lot of fun! Rayman Raving Rabbids TV Party is shaping up to be an entertaining multiplayer party game. I can't wait to see what other butt controlled games those Rabbids come up with next. Stay tuned for more

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DIAMOND & PEARL LEGENDS AWAKENED

Sit up straight and pay attention. The new *Diamond & Pearl: Legends Awakened* Trading Card Game is about to be revealed!

Awakened into existence, the new *Legends Awakened* expansion is like nothing you've seen before. Souped up and ready to make a legend out of any trainer, there are over 140 (that's right, one hundred AND forty) new cards including the all-

powerful legends Regigigas the gigantic, and Heatran the volcanic.



you release your more-powerful-than-ever-before Pokémon LV:X and game-

Packed into two awesome theme decks, *Metal Surge* and *Bombardment*, *Legends Awakened* is bound to leave your opponents gobsmacked. Especially when

changing Technical Machine and Fossil cards onto their weakling decks!

Wake up to a new era. The legendary *Diamond & Pearl: Legends Awakened* expansion is released August 20 – yay!

My Pokémon strategy

Here's where you get to tell us about your best decks! Every strategy published will win a Pokémon Starter Pack. To enter, log onto www.dmag.com.au/competitions.asp and follow the prompts.

CJ Collett

My Pokémon strategy is to put out your starters so your opponent thinks they're going to win. Then, I evolve them into some of the most powerful Pokémon and if I run out of them, I send in my legendaries.

Here are some of my evolutionary Pokémon: Turtwig, Grote, Torterra, Charmander, Charmeleon, Charizard. And here are some of my legendary Pokémon: Rayquaza Ex, Palkia, Darkrai, Latios ex, Latias and Entei ex.



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Off the Shelf

**EMMY AND THE INCREDIBLE SHRINKING RAT**

By Lynne Jonell

No one pays any attention to Emmy, it's as though she's invisible. Her only friend in the class is the talking Rat, but only she can hear him – is she going crazy? When a boy in her class hears the rat too, things don't seem so weird, until the boy shrinks when the rat bites him. But a shrunk boy is the least of Emmy's problems – her nanny is horrible and her parents are like different people, they're not the caring, loving people they used

to be. This wonderful, magical tale will have you looking at rats, squirrels and mice in a new light – brilliant!

Ages 8 to 12

YEAR OF THE TIGER

By Alison Lloyd

Hu's family are poor noodle makers, living next to the crumbling Great Wall of China. When Emperor Han sends his troops to fix the wall, Hu's mum knows it will mean taxes, trouble or both. But for Hu it means a new friend, Ren. He's the spoilt son of the Commander, but Hu's willing to put



up with him because they're practising archery together in preparation for a contest. But then it all goes horribly wrong,

Will Hu be able to save his family, his town and even the Empire? Gripping and action packed.

Ages 9 to 12

THE CASE OF THE DIAMOND SHADOW

By Sophie Masson

Daisy Miller can't believe her luck when she's offered an exciting new job with a rich and eccentric Australian lady in London. Her friend George is quite jealous, as Daisy will be leaving him behind. So



when George gets the equally unbelievable chance to work with top detective and crime writer, Woodley-Fox, he jumps at it. It seems their paths are to cross again as they're both on the trail of the daring jewel thief, The Shadow. A glamorous

mystery filled with adventure!

Ages 9 to 12

RHYMING BOY

By Steven Herrick

Rhyming Boy, otherwise known as Jayden Hayden, would really like to know who his father is. Not



least because he has a father-son event coming up at school and he wants to be able to take someone. He knows the footy mad boys next door will be there with their dad and he's really like to show his new dad off. Jayden knows his mum is obsessed with a footy player also called Jayden, so should he be worried? Warm, funny and moving, this is a great story about family and footy.

Ages 10 to 12

MEET MUCHAMORE

Do you love Robert Muchamore, the guy who wrote the *Cherub* series? Well, hopefully you entered the comp to meet him, and ride

in a Hummer, but if you didn't, here's the good news – you might still be able to see him! (Sorry, we couldn't arrange the Hummer.) Robert is touring Australia and New Zealand and there are still some events that aren't booked out. So what are you waiting for? Jump online at www.cherubmission.com.au to find out where you can meet him!



THE DANGEROUS DAYS OF DANIEL X

By James Patterson

You've seen a sneak peek of it in DMAG already but here's our review of this book – it's brilliant! So action packed that you can't put it down, this is the story of Daniel X, a kid who's actually an alien. Daniel's hunting down another alien called the Prayer



who killed his parents, but in the meantime, there are plenty of creatures hunting down Daniel, so he has to constantly be on guard. It's a good thing Daniel can shape shift – he can even pretend to be his parents (yes, it's a little bit weird considering they're dead). This book is like *The X Files* meets *Men in Black* meets a teenage kid – it's great! Highly recommended!

Ages 9 to 12

Moonshadow

EYE OF THE BEAST

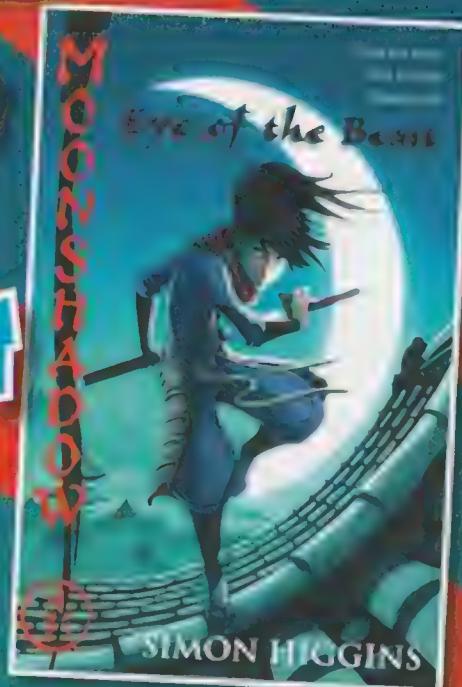
By Simon Higgins

Meet Moonshadow. He's the youngest agent of the Grey Light Order. And he's about to be assigned his first mission ...

Moonshadow lay in his bed at sunset. He sat on his heels, legs folded beneath him on his bedroll, rubbing one eye and staring at the drab walls of his tiny room. His pre-dawn test had left him exhausted, though perhaps, he thought, it was really the sleepless nights leading up to it that had worn him out.

Three nights he had lain on his back from the midnight temple bell to dawn, staring at the ceiling, wondering what form his test would take, and if he could pass it. With it finally behind him now, he had obeyed Brother Eagle's last orders with great pleasure. *Return to your room. Rest a full day and night. Then prepare your tools and clothes for your first real mission.*

In the distance, through thin wooden walls and sliding paper screens, he heard Brother Eagle's voice once more, though the words were muffled. They drifted from the monastery's little kitchen, along with the sizzle of a cooking plate and the smell of spring onions lightly frying on it. Then he heard Heron speak. Her tone was unusually sharp. Moon stood up and stretched,



and yawned, stretching his arms over his head. The evening meal was being prepared just in time.

He glanced up at the narrow window high on one wall of his room. It was already dark outside, so he had missed the chance to intone his second furube for the day. Moon sighed. The shrugging off sutra was supposed to be uttered, its stillness entered into, each dawn and each sunset, as well as just before going into action.

He broke into a sly grin. He'd been warned never to skip it, lest that become a bad habit. But if he skipped it now, just this once, dispensed with reciting it late, who would know? Beating Groundspider and his huge appetite to the kitchen was surely more important. Groundspider could out-eat a sumo wrestler, maybe two.

Moon slid open his door, slipped out into the darkened corridor and followed the alluring smells. Now, ginger, pine nuts and sliced radish were hitting the hot plate and the first at that long, low table would surely get the freshest, biggest serve. He was only two strides from the kitchen's sliding door when he heard Heron speak his name. Moon stopped, listening.

I hoping that she and Eagle were too engrossed in their conversation to hear – or sense – him coming in the corridor.

'I have always been too pre-occupied with you and Eagle,' said softly. 'Maybe because I am a who I found him that morning, through your stories.'

Moonshadow sank into a crouch, intently. His breath left their sharp and prickling. He turned his head to one side and pointed his teeth to increase the range of his own hearing. Moonshadow was calm, but passion pulsed in his golden eyes.

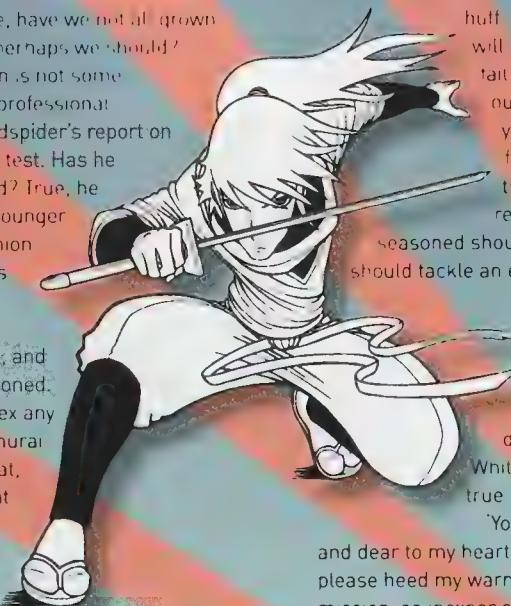
'Come now, Eagle, have we not all grown older at him than perhaps we should? Besides, my concern is not some brotherly urge, it is professional.'

'You heard Groundspider's report on Moonshadow's final test. Has he also grown confused? True, he treats the boy as a younger brother, but his opinion in such matters has always been sound.'

Moonshadow's raw talent is exceptional, and now, his skills are honed. Young or not, he'd vex any handful of good samurai and, in single combat, most shinobi for that matter. Don't forget how much extra work we've all put into him. You are wrong. He's our masterpiece, and he is ready.'

'I don't doubt that his skills are ready,' Heron said quietly. 'But he is not. This may be the one flaw in our training process: he's tasted so little of life, of the world. Known so few people. His prowess is indeed remarkable, I agree, but the inexperienced make awful blunders. That is his weakness, and that may –'

'Cause him to fail?' Moon heard Eagle scrape something from the cooking plate into a dish. 'I say he will not fail. He will succeed and return to us alive. For two reasons. First, have you forgotten all that White Nun predicted when she pointed him out among the other orphans, while he was yet small and sickly?'



'But, of course not,' Heron muttered. 'And she's certainly been proved right about his rapport with animals. What is the other reason?'

Moon edged closer to the door, fascinated. The White Nun! Groundspider had spoken of this one, and Buddhist seer, saying that she visited the Order once every few years, and was said to wield that Old Country power called insight. They are skilled in insight, could it be? A stranger to nature, or glimpse things fate had in store for them. Was she the real reason he had been chosen?

Beyond the door, Eagle gave an irritable

huff. 'My second reason? I say he will not fail because he must not fail. So many dire missions await our agents now. This one, as you know, was never intended for him. It called for a face that our enemies wouldn't recognise, yes, but one more seasoned should be undertaking it. Moon should tackle an easier task first time out.'

'But as you also know, our original choice now lies badly wounded and, at last report, may not live to see next week. Our need is desperate, and if all the White Nun said about him proves true –'

'You are master of our Order and dear to my heart, Heron said slowly. 'But please heed my warning. To send him on this mission, so inexperienced in all but the shadow crafts themselves, is to set a teacup on the edge of a well.'

Eagle sniffed. 'Then all we can do is hope that he stopped abruptly. Moonshadow heard the swish of robes and he turned and scuttled silently back to his room. As he slid his door shut, the kitchen door opened.

'Was that him?' Moon heard Heron whisper. 'How did we not hear him? Were we that distracted by our little tussle?'

'I told you he was good,' Eagle mumbled. 'How many could spy on us? You see? He is ready.'

Is Moonshadow too young? Find out by grabbing a copy of this wonderful book!

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Mysteries and Magic 8 balls

Jen Storer is the author of the fabulous new book *Tan Callahan's Secret Spy Files: The Mystery of the Purple Haunt*. Read on to find out her secrets ...

Q: Are you similar to Tan in any way?

A: Yes. I'm a terrible stickybeak!

Q: What is the best thing about Tan?

A: She's one of the weird kids and they're always the most interesting!

Q: What is the worst?

A: She doesn't know when to keep her mouth shut.

Q: What should all secret spies have?

A: A shadowy, crafty personality and a good hiding spot for their files.

Q: Did you ever keep a diary like Tan as a kid, and what did you write in it?

A: Move closer so I can whisper. I had a diary AND I kept Secret Spy Files. I was in a secret club called EPIC;

the 'Extraordinary Private Investigation Club'. There were four of us. We kept extensive records on the activities of our neighbours. They were a highly suspicious group of people. That's all I can say.

Q: Are you secretly scared of horses like Tan is?

A: Terrified! I got chased by one when I was ten. It had big teeth and wild eyes and it was breathing down my neck as I ran. That horse was a lot like Lily's horse, Casper. Very creepy. Very ... unpredictable.

Q: Did you ever have a teacher like Miss Dragone?

A: My Grade Four teacher was Miss Bell. She was scary but she was also very

kind. She took us to the local butcher shop so we could watch them make sausages. It was gross. It was a Grade Four highlight.

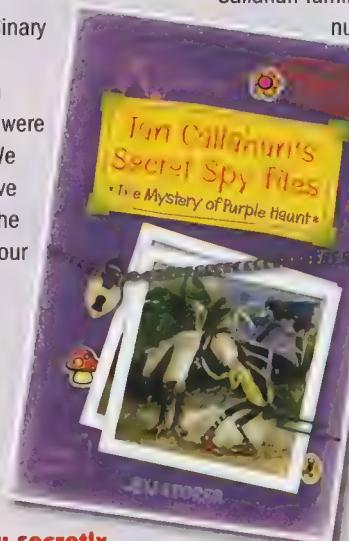
Q: What was the most fun about writing this book?

A: Spending time with the Callahan family. They're all

nutty, I love their pets, and their mum cooks the best food.

Q: What tips do you have for budding writers?

A: Always keep a notebook, and get into the habit of eavesdropping.



Q: If you had a magic eight ball like Tan's, what three things would you ask it?

A: I do have a magic eight ball. It is a valuable tool. Lately I asked it these three questions:

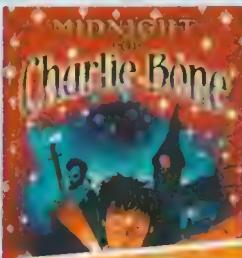
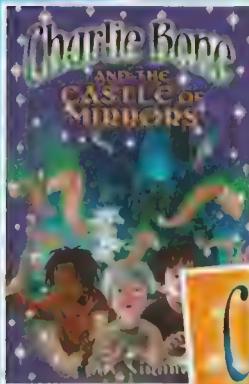
**1) Will Tan be famous?
It is decidedly so.**

**2) Will I write a sequel?
You may rely on it.**

**3) Will my son clean his room?
My sources say no.**

Win!

Charlie Bone Book Series



To celebrate the release of the sixth Charlie Bone book, *Charlie Bone and The Wilderness Wolf* we have **FIVE** sets of books to give away. Each set contains *Midnight for Charlie Bone*, *Charlie Bone and the Time Twister*, *Charlie Bone and The Blue Boa*, *Charlie Bone and the Castle of Mirrors*, *Charlie Bone and The Hidden King*, and *Charlie Bone and the Wilderness Wolf*.

To enter, hop online at www.dmag.com.au/competitions.asp log in as a DMAG member and follow the prompts. To be eligible to win all online entries must include the code: DM782873. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

OUTCAST

By Michelle Paver

Our hero Torak, from the *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness* series, is back in a new adventure, *Outcast*. Here's a sneak peek ...

The viper quivered down the riverbank and placed its sleek head on the water, and Torak stopped a few paces away to let it drink.

The arm ached from carrying the red deer antlers, so he set them aside and crouched in the bracken to watch. Snakes are wise, and know many secrets. Maybe this one would help him deal with his ...

The viper drank with unburned sips. Raising its head, it regarded Torak, flicking out its tongue to taste his scent. Then it coiled neatly back on itself and vanished into the ferns.

It had given him no sign.

But you don't need a sign, he told himself wearily. You know what to do. Just tell them. Soon as you get back to camp ... just say, Renn. Fin-Kedinn. Two moons ago, something happened. They held me down, they put a mark on my chest. And now ...

No. That wasn't any good. He could picture Renn's face. I'm your best friend ... and you've been lying to me for two whole moons!

He put his head in his hands.

After a while he heard rustling, and a pair of

up to see a reindeer on the opposite bank. It was standing on three legs, furiously scratching its bleeding antlers with one hind hoof. Sensing that Torak wasn't hunting, it went on scratching. The antlers were bleeding, the itch must be so bad that the only relief was to make them hurt.

That's what I should do, thought Torak. Cut it out. Make it hurt. In secret. Then no one need ever know.

The trouble was, even if he could bring himself to do it, it wouldn't work. To get rid of the tattoo, he'd have to perform the proper rite. He'd learnt that from Renn, whom he'd approached in a roundabout way, using the zigzag tattoos on her wrists as an excuse.

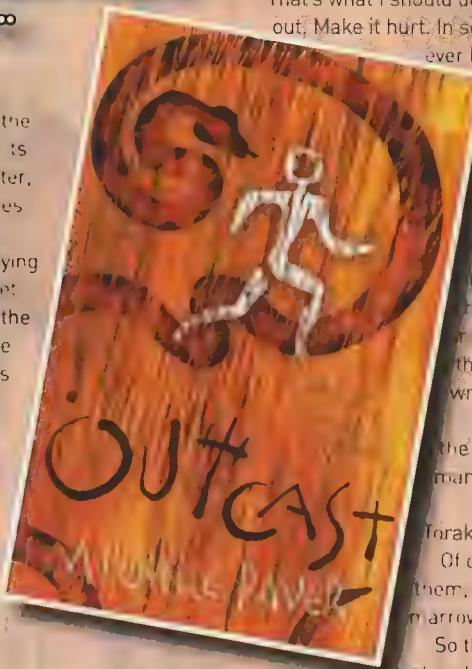
'If you don't do the rite,' she'd told him, 'the marks just come back.'

'They come back?' Torak had been horrified. 'Of course. You can't see them, they're deep in the marrow. But they're still there.'

So that was the end of that, unless he could get her to tell him about the rite without revealing why he needed to know.

The reindeer gave an irritable shake and trotted off into the Forest; and Torak picked up the antlers and started back for camp. They were a lucky find, big enough for everyone in the clan to get a piece, and perfect for making fish-hooks and hammers for knapping flint. Fin-Kedinn would be pleased. Torak tried to fix his mind on that.

It didn't work. Until now, he hadn't understood



how much a secret can set you apart. He thought about it all the time, even when he was hunting with Renn and Wolf.

It was early in the Moon of the Salmon Run, and a sharp east wind carried a strong smell of fish. As Torak made his way beneath the pines, his boots crunched on flakes of bark scattered by woodpeckers. To his left, the Green River chattered after its long imprisonment under the ice, while to his right, a rockface rose towards Broken Ridge. In places it was scarred, where the clans had hacked out the red slate which brings hunting luck. He heard the clink of stone on stone. Someone was quarrying.

That should be me, Torak told himself. I should be making a new axe. I should be doing things. This can't go on, he said out loud.

'You're right,' said a voice. 'It can't.'

They were crouching on a ledge ten paces above him: four boys and two girls, glaring down. The Boar Clan wore their brown hair cut to shoulder length, with a fringe; tusks at their necks, stiff hide mantles across their shoulders. The Willows had wovenbark strips sewn in spirals on their jerkins, and three black leaves tattooed on their brows in a permanent frown. All were older than Torak. The boys had wispy beards, and beneath the girls' clan-tattoos, a short red bar showed that they'd had their first moon bleed.

They'd been quarrying: Torak saw stone dust on their tusks now. Just ahead of him, he spotted a tree trunk, ladder notched with footholds, which they'd propped against the rockface, to climb up the ledge. But they were no longer interested in it.

Torak stared back, hoping he'd don't look scared. What do you want?

Aki, the Boar Clan leader's son, jerked his head

at the antlers. Those are mine. Put them down.

'No they're not,' said Torak. 'I found them.' To remind them he had weapons, he hoisted his bow on his shoulder and touched the blue slate knife at his hip.

Aki wasn't impressed. 'They're mine.'

'Which means you stole them,' said a Willow girl.

'If that was true,' Torak told Aki, 'you'd have put your mark on them and I'd have left them alone.'

'I did. On the base. You rubbed it off.'

'Of course I didn't,' said Torak in disgust.

Then he saw what he should have seen before: a smudge of earthblood at the base of one antler, where a boar tusk had been drawn on. His ears burned.

'I didn't see it. And I don't trust you.'

'Then put them

down and get out of here,' said a boy called Raut, who'd always struck Torak as fairer than most. Unlike Aki, who was spoiling for a fight.

Torak didn't feel like giving him one. 'All right,' he said briskly, 'I made a mistake. Didn't see the mark. They're yours.'

'What makes you think it's that easy?' said Aki.

Torak sighed. He'd come a long way to be a leader. A bully: unsure if he was a leader, and desperate to prove it with his fists.

You think you're special, sneered Aki. 'Because Fin-Kedinn took you in, and you can talk to wolves and you're a spirit walker.' He raked his fingers over the scant hairs on his chin, and checking they were still there. 'Truth is, you only live with the Ravers, because your own clan never come near you. And Fin-Kedinn doesn't trust you enough to make you his follower.'

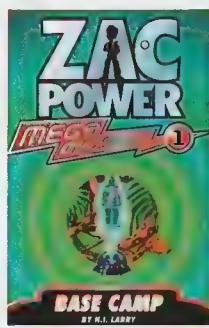
Will Torak escape unharmed? Find out by grabbing a copy of *Outcast* today!



Psst ... wanna know a secret? Don't let anyone see you reading this 'cos it's a top secret interview with the man we all love to read about but no one's ever seen ... Zac Power!

Q: Who is Zac Power?

A I'm a spy for the Government Investigation Bureau, or GIB for short. My code name is Agent



Rock Star. I'm only 12 years old, but I've been top of the Spy Ladder for 15 weeks running!

Q: Why don't you ever show your face?

A Duh, my identity is top-secret. If I showed you my face then I wouldn't be a top spy, would I?

Q: Who designs and creates your gadgets?

A My brother

Leon designs most of my gadgets. He's a huge tech-head, so instead of going on missions like me, he works on all the technical stuff back at headquarters.

Q: And which is your favourite gadget and vehicle?

A It's hard to pick a favourite gadget, but the



rocket jetpack is pretty awesome, unless you forget to hit the jet and end up in the Earth's atmosphere! And my favourite vehicle has to be the Cheetah – that car

can go at over 400 kilometres per hour and it doesn't even have a steering wheel!

Q: What was the best mission you ever went on?

A The Mega Mission was definitely the best yet – but I can't tell you why! That information is definitely top-secret. The head of GIB, Agent Big Boss, doesn't want anyone to know that BIG had a secret agent who could destroy all of our gadgets, or that I went to the moon and back ... Oops!



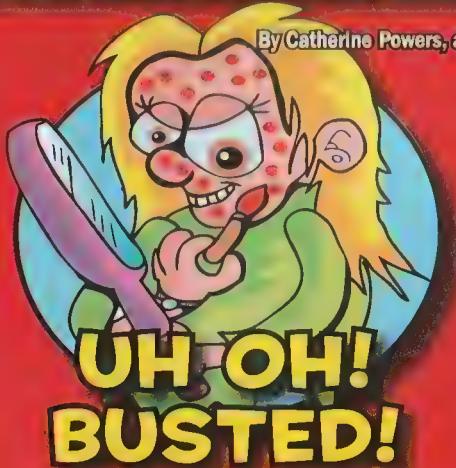
Q: I have heard the Mega Mission books come with a free spy tool?

A Er, I can't confirm or deny this, although if there WERE free spy tools involved they would be GIB-issued and highly powerful. Check out the website for more cool information – www.zacpower.com.

Readers' Fiction

This month's winner, Catherine, has won a \$50 Dymocks gift voucher and is in the running to win \$1000 cash!

By Catherine Powers, aged 10



“**O** kay class”

“Tomorrow we’re going on our Year 5 camp and I want to be prepared, so here are some notes. Take ONE and pass them on.”

My name is Lily Turner and I absolutely HATE school camps!

The notes finally came around. I took ONE, then I handed them to my best friend Kordella King.

“I’m going to do anything to get out of this school camp,” I told Kordella. “Just you wait and see.”

I woke up at 5.30 the next morning and I camp kids my room. I got down on my hands and knees and started to crawl through the drawers and pulled out her make-up kit. Inside it were things I never knew she had.

went! I was looking for that,” I said.

I buried my hand deep in the make-up kit and found a red lip liner - just what I needed! I can’t go to camp if I’m sick. And if I’m not sick, I can pretend to be sick.

I started to draw circles on my face and colour them in.

“What are you doing?” said a

“Uh oh, busted! It was my older brother Jason.

“Nothing” I said in an innocent voice. “Don’t tell dad.”

“Say ‘please’,” said Jason.

“Okay, please then,” I said.

“Say ...” Jason started

“Enough already!” I interrupted him. “Just don’t tell dad ... Cough cough, splutter splutter ... How does that sound?”

“Pretty good,” said Jason trying to keep a straight face.

“Huh,” I sighed “what’s wrong with it?”

“Nothing,” he said “It’s just that dad’s at the door.”

I turned around and sure enough dad was standing there.

“Darn it!” I said “So close and yet so far.”

“And now you’re so BUSTED!” said dad.

“Great, I’m grounded,” I thought to myself. Later that morning, I heard the doorbell ring. I shouldn’t get it while I’m grounded. But what

the door and opened it. Kordella was standing there.

“I’m grounded,” I said “I can’t do anything or go anywhere for a month. Wait a second! Shouldn’t you be at the Year 5 camp?”

“Well, it’s

“Hang on a sec! YES YES! I’m grounded, so I don’t have to go to the Year 5 camp! WOO HOO! But why aren’t you there?” I asked.

“Well, I was just trying to tell you that it’s been postponed till next month ... when you won’t be grounded any more.”

“YAY ... what?” I said “Why?”

“Well, apparently Mr Ryans found out that he has to teach ballet lessons for the rest of the month!” she said, giggling. Then we both fell down on the couch, cracking up laughing at the thought of Mr Ryans doing ballet.

“What is going on here?” asked dad. Bad news, dad was back from shopping. Uh oh, BUSTED!

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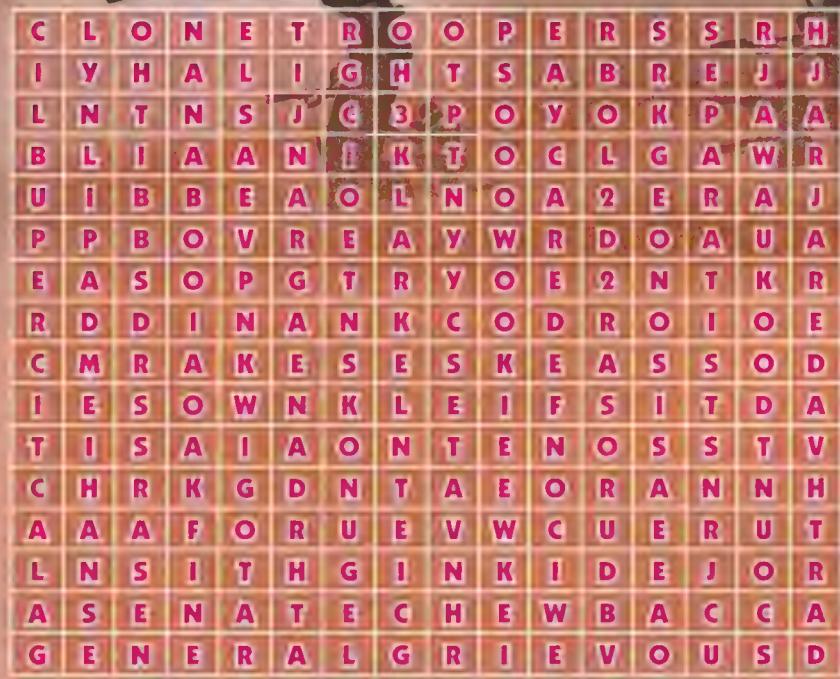
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Starry Starry Knight

Come, the time has, to travel the vast galaxies of this epic Star Wars word find. Words can be vertical, horizontal and diagonal, backwards or forwards. Good luck and may the force be with you.

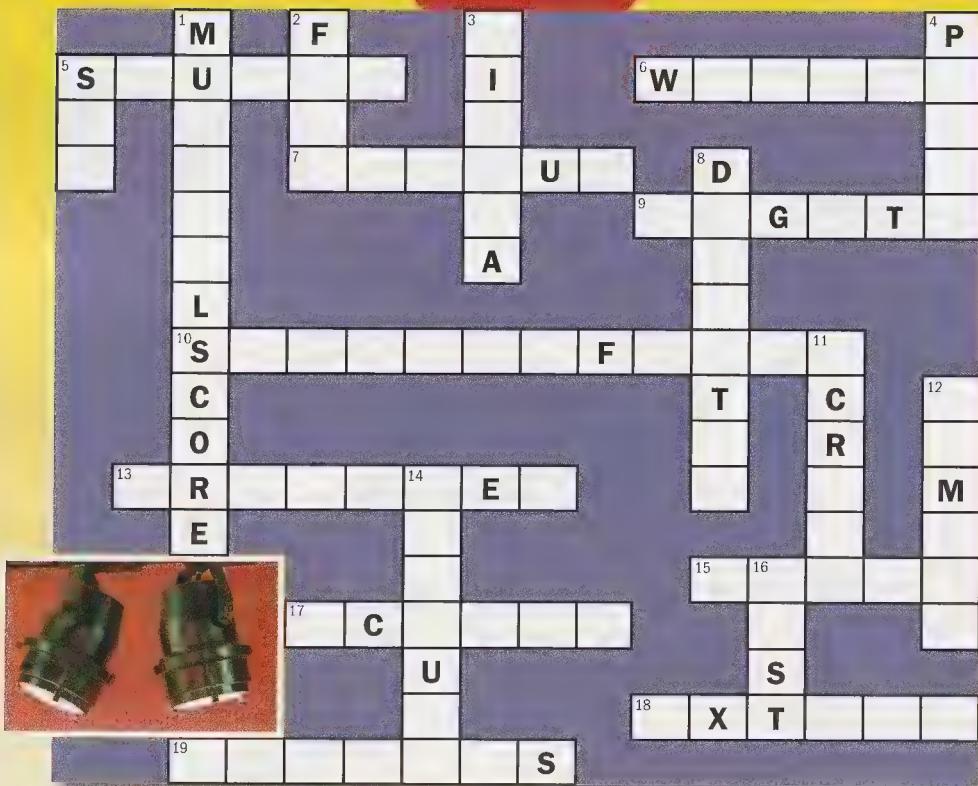


- C-3PO
- Ahsoka Tano
- Anakin Skywalker
- Bith
- Chewbacca
- Clone Troopers
- Confederacy
- Count Dooku
- Darth Vader
- Droid
- Duros
- Galactic Republic
- General Grievous
- Geonosis
- Gran
- Hutt
- Jabba
- Jawa
- Jar Jar
- Jedi Knight
- Light Sabre
- Naboo
- Nikto
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- Padawan
- Padme
- R2-D2
- Senate
- Separatists
- Sith
- Treaty
- Wookiee
- Yoda

Witness the war of the stars (and the clones) when *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* storms into cinemas from August 14.

Quiet on Set

With so many awesome flicks coming out soon, DMAG has gone absolutely movie mad! Use the clues below to see if you can nut out all the movie related things in this filmtastic crossword.



CLUES:

Across

5. Filming takes place inside here. (6)
6. The person who writes the script. (6)
7. Lipstick and eyeshadow are forms of this. (4,2)
9. Objects pictured in crossword. (6)
10. Another word for audio effects. (5, 7)

Down

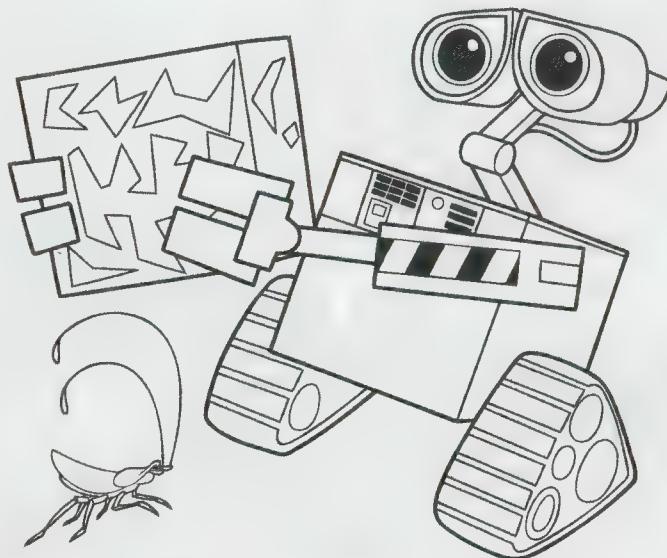
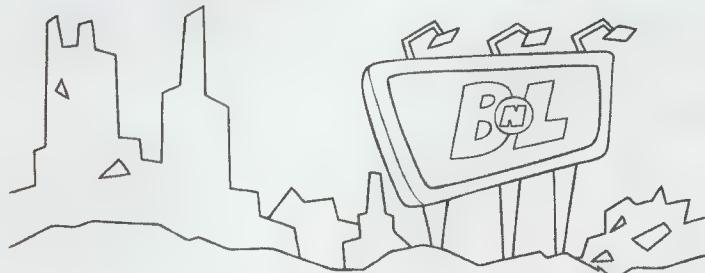
13. This person produces films. (8)
15. A guy who acts. (5)
17. Lights, camera, ... (6)
18. Actors in the background. (6)
19. A girl who acts. (7)
1. A film's music. (7,5)
2. Another word for movie. (4)
3. You go here to watch movies. (6)
4. Objects used on set. (5)
5. Quiet on ... (3)
8. The person who directs the film. (8)
11. Document that

has dialogue and action written on it. (6)

12. Takes photos. (6)
14. Can be found in the wardrobe department. (7)
16. To give an actor a part is to ... him for it. (4)

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Missing Magic

There are eight differences in the two pictures below,
see if you can spot them!



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A DEVIL OF A DOILEMMA

Millie, Henry, Allegra and Rose have all been to see Tasmanian devils. They all saw them at different places and each devil had a different name. Using the clues below, can you work out who saw which devil and where? We've done the first clue for you ...

	Rex	Tazzie	Diana	Spot	Zoo	Wildlife Park	National Park	Aunt's house
Millie								X
Henry					X	X	X	✓
Allegra							X	
Rose							X	
Zoo								
Wildlife Park								
National Park								
Aunt's house								

Clues:

1. Henry was lucky enough to see a devil at his aunt's house, she lives in Tasmania.
2. The person who saw the devil in the National Park nicknamed it Spot, because they didn't know its real name.
3. The devil that Millie saw was called Diana.
4. The devil called Rex does not live at the Wildlife Park.
5. Allegra saw a devil called Tazzie, but it wasn't at the zoo.



THE CREEPY KIDS OF HORROR HIGH

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THE GANG HAVE JUST SEEN THE MOVIE SUPERDUDES...

THAT
MOVIE
KICKED
BAD GUY
BUTT!

I THINK I'M GONNA
BE A SUPERHERO
WHEN I GROW UP.

WOULDN'T IT
BE COOL IF
WE ALL HAD
SUPER POWERS?

"I'D BE SPIKYGUY- BIG, STRONG
& COVERED IN STEEL SPIKES..."

PREPARE TO
BE EATEN...

I'D BE INVINCIBLE...
INDESTRUCTABLE...

"I'D BE WEATHERGIRL. I COULD MAKE
THUNDER CLAP WITH MY BARE HANDS..."

MOVE PLANETS
WITH A BLAST
OF MY BREATH...

AND IMAGINE HOW MUCH EXTRA FOOD
I COULD CARRY OFF AT BIRTHDAY PARTIES?"

PREPARE TO
BE EATEN...

AND HAVE A DAY OFF
SCHOOL WHENEVER I
FELT LIKE IT!"

HORROR HIGH HAS
BEEN CARRIED AWAY
BY ANOTHER
MYSTERIOUS FLOOD?

BELLA WILL BE
DISAPPOINTED.

BELLA'S MUM

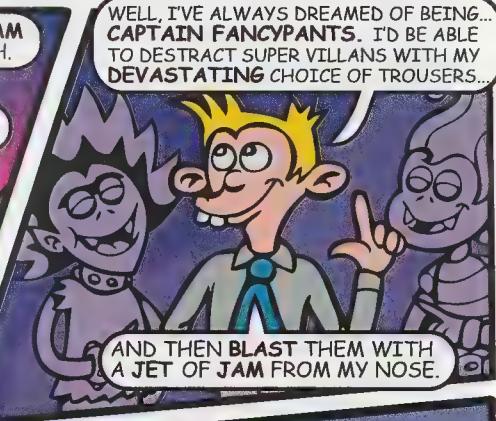
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BUT ONLY IF YOU PROMISE NOT TO LAUGH.



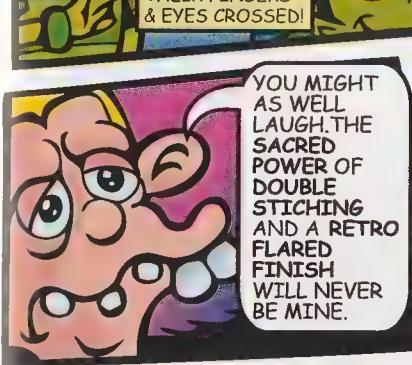
THEY'VE GOT
THEIR FINGERS
& EYES CROSSED!

OKAY, WE
PROMISE.

WELL, I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF BEING...
CAPTAIN FANCYPANTS. I'D BE ABLE
TO DESTRUCT SUPER VILLANS WITH MY
DEVASTATING CHOICE OF TROUSERS...



AND THEN BLAST THEM WITH
A JET OF JAM FROM MY NOSE.



YOU MIGHT
AS WELL
LAUGH. THE
SACRED
POWER OF
DOUBLE
STITCHING
AND A RETRO
FLARED
FINISH
WILL NEVER
BE MINE.



HELP! SOMONE
JUST STOLE
MY HALF EATEN
HAMBURGER.

**WOW! I CAN
FEEL A CHANGE
COMIN' ON.**

NEVER FEAR! CAPTAIN FANCYPANTS IS HERE!



THE FULL FORCE OF COOL PANTS
AND A JOLTN' JET OF JAM IS
AN UNSTOPPABLE COMBINATION!



URRGHH! WHO
WAS THAT
MASKED MAN?

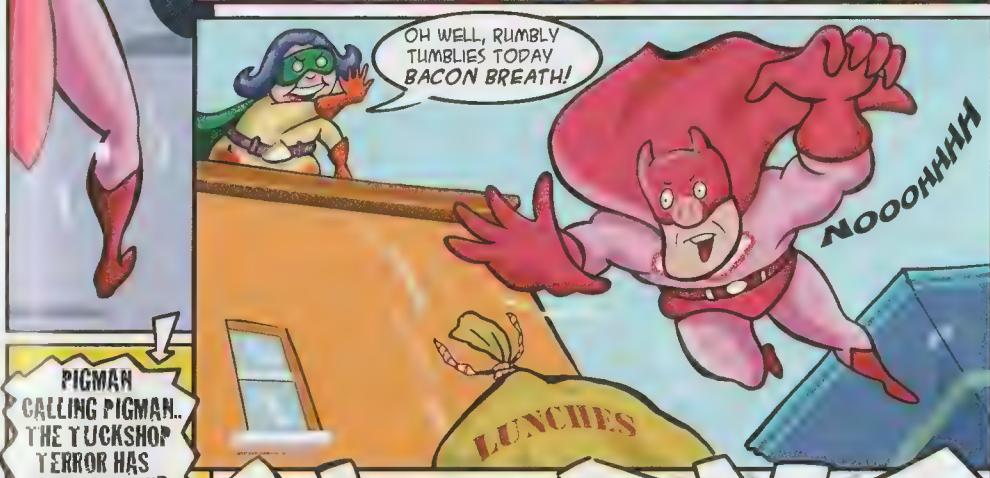
WOW!

YOU'RE MY HERO!

DID I MISS ANYTHING?

SO REMEMBER...
WHEREVER
DANGER LURKS,
CAPTAIN
FANCYPANTS
WILL NEVER
BE FAR BEHIND!





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CAN YOU FIND THE
THAT MAKE

TWO FOOTBALL BOOTS
A PAIR?



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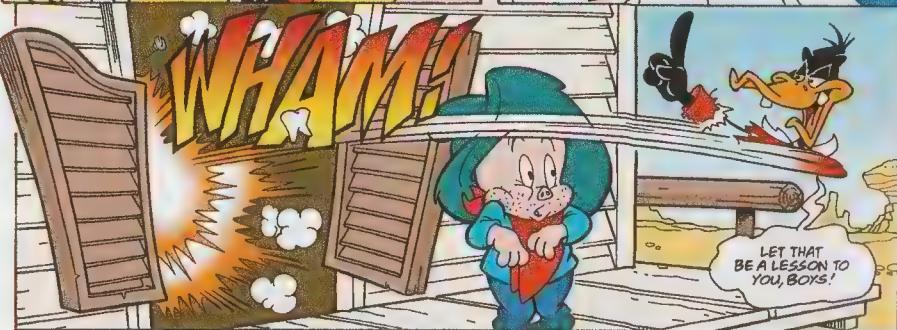
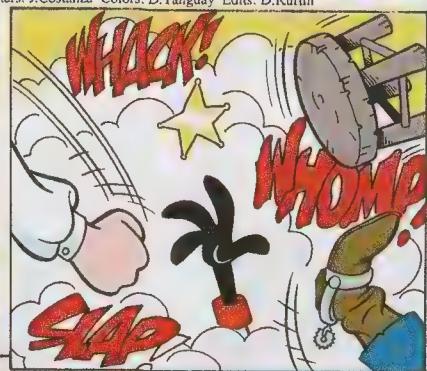
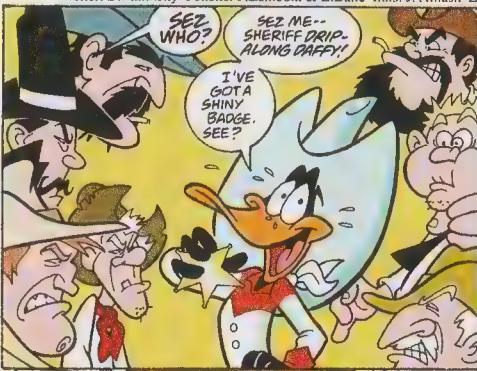
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YOU OUTLAWS, CATTLE
RUSTLERS AND USED-CAR
SALES MEN'LL GIVE UP
NOW, IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S
GOOD FOR YOU!



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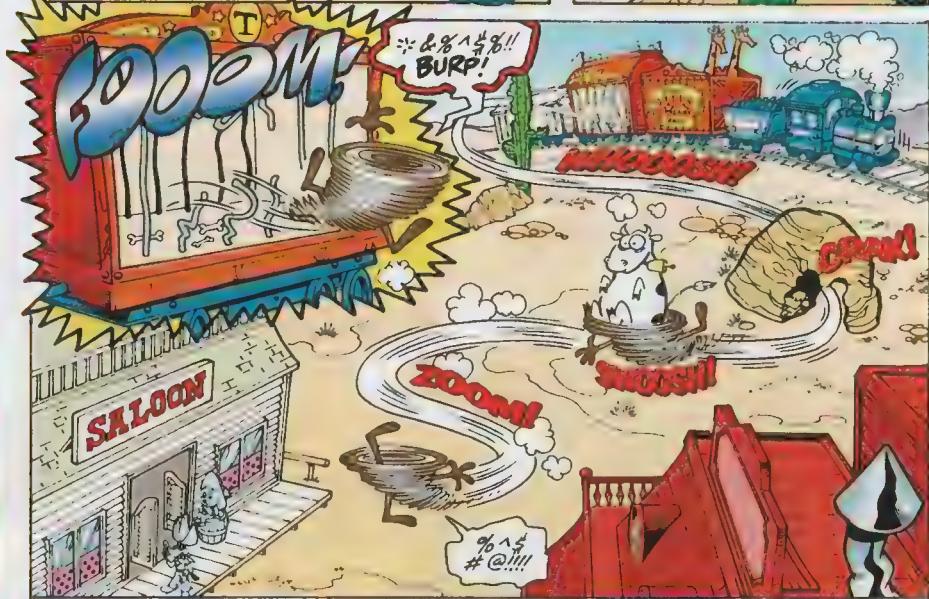
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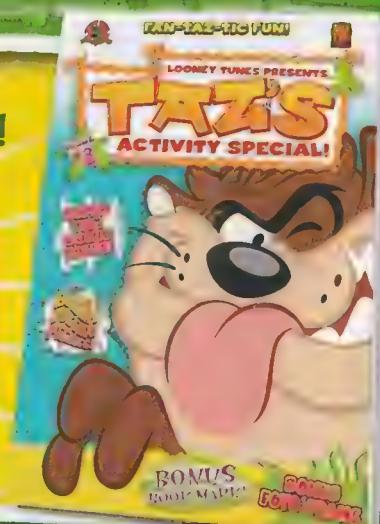
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Ever wished that the ground beneath you would just open up and suck you away from an embarrassing situation? Well these guys have, but now they're big enough to share it with us!



EMBARRASSING MOMENT OF THE MONTH

My family and I were at Hungry Jacks. My brother came from behind and tickled me. I flung around and knocked his drink. It went everywhere and almost hit one of the workers. I was so embarrassed.

SAMANTHA

If you have an embarrassing moment you'd like to share, email redfaces@dmag.com.au with your story, name and address. If your story is chosen as the most embarrassing of the month, then you'll win a fab DMAG showbag.

After **EVERYBODY** had gone, it was my turn. I was so scared, the instructor had to calm me down.

Luckily I had just come to that school so nobody really knew me!

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When I was four my sister took a photo of me on the toilet and showed it to my cousins. I was so embarrassed!

JESSIE

**SAVE YOURSELF SOME MAJOR
EMBARRASSMENT BY ASKING
MAGGIE HOW TO KEEP YOUR
COOL IN STICKY SITUATIONS.**

Dear Maggie

I got into a lot of trouble with my mum because I SMSed a guy that I had a crush on. I now feel really bad and I'm scared to talk to his family. What should I do?

I need your help
Natalie

Hi Natalie,

It sounds like your mum is quite upset about you SMSing this boy. If you haven't already, I suggest that you have a chat with her to find out why she's so concerned over your message. It may be that she just needs some reassurance that you're mature enough to use SMS sensibly.

As for his family, if you have inadvertently hurt their feelings then apologise. If you haven't, then don't stress too much. Everyone makes mistakes and everyone forgets, so don't feel too bad.

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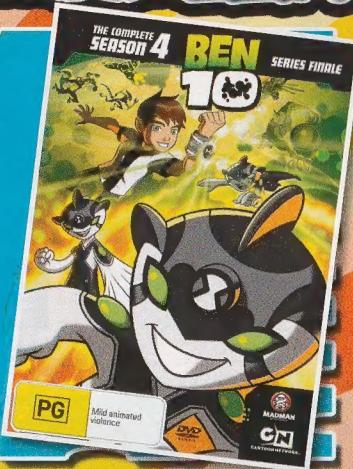
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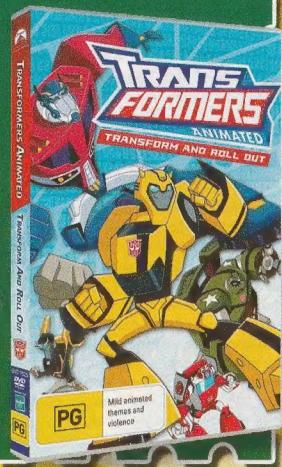
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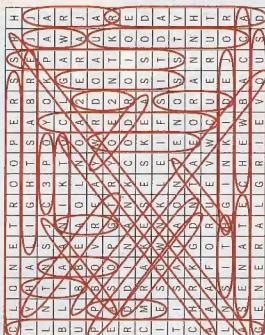


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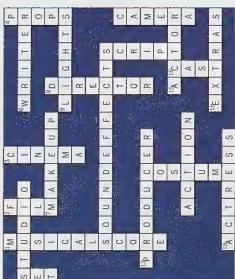
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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- 1) Theatrix logo on top of box
- 2) Spades on card deck
- 3) Eyes on the little bunny down the bottom
- 4) Blue thing down the bottom has two dots instead of one
- 5) Age rating gone on box
- 6) Ball in cup different colour
- 7) Clip next to yellow and pink rings missing
- 8) Money missing picture

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- 1) Millie, Diana, Zoo.
- 2) Henry, Rex, Aunt's House.
- 3) Allegra, Tazzie, Wild-life Park.
- 4) Rose, Spot, National Park.

Winners! DMAG Issue 75 - Please allow six weeks for prize delivery

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JOKE'S

Why did the computer go to the doctor?
Because it had a virus.

Teacher: Could you please pay a little attention?

Student: I'm paying as little attention as I can.

What did one slug say to the other after he pinched him and then ran off?
I'll get you next slime.

What is a Mexican weather report?

Chilli today, hot tomato.

If a band plays in a thunderstorm, who is the most likely to get struck by lightning?

The conductor.

What's a vampire's fave sport?
Batminton.

What makes a glow worm glow?
A light snack.

Mum: Did you like the dictionary that I bought you?

Child: Sure, it's a great present. But I just can't find the words to thank you enough.

Why did the chewing gum cross the road?

Because it was stuck to the chicken's foot.

What flower can grow between your nose and your lips?

Tulips.

Where do mermaids go to watch movies?

The dive in.

What do you call a man with no ears?

Anything you like. He can't hear you.

What do you call a knight who is afraid to fight?

Sir Render.

Why can't you find any aspirin in the jungle?

'Cos the parrots-eat-em-all.

Where do tadpoles change into frogs?

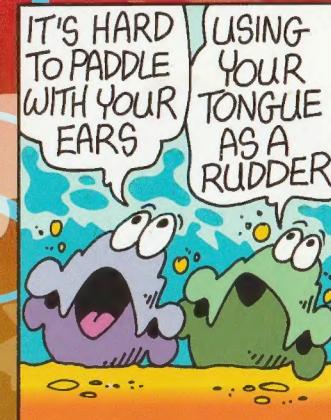
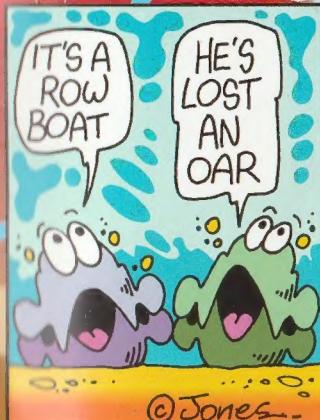
In the croak room.

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